



# Gundagai Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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Week 5 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

**Learning**

**Responsibility**

**Safety**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an exciting and busy start to the term we have had! From tree planting to a Trent Barrett gala day, Scienza Viva, an Art Exhibition and then topped off with our very own Open Day! After such a busy first half of the term I am excited to say the second half is even more action packed with both the Highlands and Riverina Athletics Carnivals, the Trent Barrett Rugby League finals, a Mount Selwyn ski trip, the Stage 3 Melbourne excursion, the Stage 1 Wagga excursion and of course our whole school musical production "Showtime At Sea". At Gundagai Public we continue to strive to ensure our students are exposed to a wide and varied curriculum and this reflects the amazing wealth of opportunities public schools provide.

We could not provide such a depth of opportunities without the commitment of staff who give numerous hours of their own time to make these things happen and the support of our parents who provide funds and time to let their children participate. Educating children is a team effort and I am very proud to say our school community does this well. Thank you to you all for your continued commitment, tireless energy and positive enthusiasm.

With so much happening it is really important that notes and payments are returned by the due date. The extra demand on class teachers and office staff in chasing up notes and money that are overdue really takes its toll in such a busy term. To assist you keep track of what is happening for the remainder of the term and when payments must be made, an overview has been attached to this newsletter.

After responding to your requests to make online payments an option I am really excited to see so many families using this. I am always happy to try and implement your suggestions to make our busy lives easier. If you have any other great ideas please come and share them.

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible for parents to make online payment to the school for amounts owing for students. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website at [www.gundagai-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gundagai-p.school.nsw.edu.au) where you access \$Make a Payment. Payments can be made using a credit or debit card

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

Student Registration and Invoice numbers are not used at our school, please leave blank.

### Gundagai Public School

Where students are encouraged to reach their potential.

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Gundagai Public offers an attractive, happy, safe and supportive environment for its students. The school serves the residents of Gundagai, a number of nearby rural villages and the surrounding farming community.

### AUGUST ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



Chevy Ward  
Kye Humphreys

James Bartlett  
Lochlan Bower

Tyler Roberts  
Edward Coady

Kasey Bethune  
Gilbert Crane

# FOCUS ON: Transition to school

Around 60,000 children start Kindergarten in Government schools each year. Many schools provide activities to assist children in making a smooth transition into Kindergarten because we know that strong relationships and information sharing between families, early childhood settings and schools before children start school helps to ensure a smooth transition.

A good transition to school process ensures children will start school ready to learn and schools will be ready for children. Evidence suggests that children who have a positive start to school are likely to engage well and to experience academic and social success.

Last Thursday morning students from Gundagai Pre School who will begin school next year visited the Kindergarten classroom as part of a transition program preparing them for big school. Earlier in the term we had a similar visit from Gumnut. Both groups will be returning again later in the term and we are very pleased to be able to form such a positive partnership with both prior to school agencies.

Gundagai Public School Kindergarten Orientation Program begins early next term.



## KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolments for 2016 are now being taken. An information evening and BBQ is being held in the School Grounds on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 5.00 to 6.30 pm

### This evening is for families:

- Enrolling a child at Gundagai Public School in 2016
- Deciding where to enrol their child in 2016
- Deciding if their child is ready to begin school in 2016

### The school Kindergarten Orientation Program will be held on:

- Tuesday 27th October 2015
- Wednesday 4th November 2015
- Thursday 12th November 2015



For further information please contact Gundagai Public School on 6944 1811

<http://www.gundagai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>





## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Congratulations to the majority of students who come to school in uniform each day. School uniform looks fantastic, shows that we are proud of ourselves and our school and sends a message that we are a team.

Over the past few weeks some students have been making small changes to our uniform and this is not acceptable.

Please remember

- *Black school shoes are to be worn Monday to Thursday*
- *Track suit pants can only be worn on sports days*
- *Brand clothing such as billabong is unacceptable*
- *Finger nail polish and coloured hair is not allowed*
- *Jewellery is minimal*
- *Friday sports uniform is as important as our week day uniform- wear it.*

If you are unable to comply with our school dress code please contact me at school and we will find a solution.

## WINTER UNIFORM

### GIRLS UNIFORM

Navy slacks with light blue polo or yellow long sleeve blouse with blue tartan tunic  
Navy polo fleece with school emblem  
White socks, navy stockings, black shoes

### BOYS UNIFORM

Light blue polo shirt  
Grey trousers or shorts  
Grey or white visible socks  
Black shoes  
Navy polo fleece with school emblem

### SPORTS UNIFORM

Blue/Gold polo shirt with emblem  
Royal Blue Skorts for girls  
Royal Blue footy shorts for boys  
Royal blue microfiber tracksuit pants  
Royal blue and gold polo fleece jumper

### HATS/BEANIE

Microfiber hat  
School cap  
Beanie with emblem

*The Clothing Pool is open every Thursday from 9.00 to 10.00 am for the sale of new and second hand uniforms.*

# HONOUR BOARD

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

<b>Kinder</b>	Leah Lyall, Kohen Batt, Cain Turner, Evie Jones and PBL Award Jayden Anderson
<b>Year 1</b>	Wade Foster, Ryan Clark, Xavier Kingwill, Elena Loukissas and PBL Award Deanna Smith
<b>Year 2</b>	Holly Deckers, Bailey Clark, Walt Bishop, Gus Pollack and PBL Award Halle Smart
<b>Year 3</b>	Jayelle Britt, Jayda Field, Shanelle Jones, Cooper Ballard, Jaylen Bell and PBL Award Joseph Polsen
<b>Year 4</b>	Edward Coady, Seth Jones, Aabhushan Shrestha, Jock Smith, Rusty Ward and PBL Award Edward Brooke
<b>Year 5</b>	Annika Smith, Ava Doughty, Elysha Anderson, Toby Dasey, Harry Nicholson and PBL Award Clayton Smith
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Bianca French, Harriet Lotz, Taleika Worldon, Riley Bethune, Jamie Thomson and PBL Award Alyssa Monte
<b>Year 6</b>	Kaidan Bell, Jack Lloyd, Layla Worldon, Bridie Ingold, Sophie Lotz and PBL Award Chris Nicholls

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>Kinder</b>	Jimmy Smith
<b>Year 1</b>	Jazmyn Deckers
<b>Year 2</b>	Matilda Marshall
<b>Year 3</b>	Kye Humphreys
<b>Year 4</b>	Indiana Cooper
<b>Year 5</b>	Claudia Jones
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Takeika Worldon
<b>Year 6</b>	Paige Manton

## GUNDY GREAT AWARD *Proudly sponsored by AGstock*

Gilbert Crane for being a caring and thoughtful friend

## PBL DRAW WINNER

Amity Robb

## MT SELWYN SNOW EXCURSION

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Please remember:**

- **Roll call at 5.50 am**
- Bus departs school at 6.00 am, so please be on time.
- **Bus returns to school at 5:45 pm.**  
Please do not be late collecting your children.
- Remember to bring enough food and drink for the day and a change of clothing.



## SHOWCASE AT SEA..... SAVE THE DATE

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are continuing to work on our upcoming musical drama production *ShowTime at Sea* which will involve the entire school and be showcased on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00 pm.

As this has been the major focus of our performing arts program this term it is really important that your children attend both performances. However if for circumstances beyond your control your children are unable to attend these evenings please contact the school this week.

Tickets for the production will soon be on sale at \$5.00 each.

### HIGHLANDS ATHLETICS DATE CHANGE

Reminder that the Highlands Athletics Carnival will now be held on Friday 14th August at the Bull Paddock in Tumut.

### Premier's Reading Challenge ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO!!!!!!

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge: Amity Robb, Matilda Marshall, Rylee Robb, Caleb Piper, Clay Murray, Max Eccleston, Brayden Tutty, Hayley Luff, Taleika Worldon, William Murray and Yasmin Longhurst.

Please return all reading challenge cards as soon as they are completed. There is now only one week until the challenge concludes. Record cards need to be returned so that data can be entered.

### SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Each Wednesday morning at 10.15 am tune into FM 94.3 for Gundagai Public School news. Our hosts this week are Phoebe Lotz, Sylvia Johnson and Max Eccleston.

### PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

All students in Stage 2 and 3 will be taking part in-class activities based around the 2015 Premier's Spelling Bee word lists this term.

If you would like to assist your child at home google Premiers Spelling Bee and use the password robot. Here you will find the word lists.

Junior lists are for Year 3 and 4, Senior lists are for Years 5 and 6. Gundagai Public School Spelling Bee will be held in Week 8.



### TRENT BARRETT SHIELD REPORT

Gundagai Girls Team (1) had a great day with Charlise Longhurst being named player of the day. The girls displayed great sportsmanship and worked well together as a team. The girls had a great win against Tumut (2) as well as McAuley.

Gundagai Girls Team (2) had a great start to the day defeating McAuley (2) 9 tries to zero. They backed up to defeat Adelong/Bongongo easily, however were unlucky to go down in their final game against Tumut (1) by just one try. Laci Bower was named player of the day, she was strongly supported all day by her enthusiastic teammates.

Both Trent Barrett boys' teams also had a fantastic day. Team 2 showed grit and determination all-day and ended the day with a win and a loss. Cooper Ballard was named player of the day after consistently showing up in defence and attack.

Team 1 played a total of four games over the day, which stretched their fitness and agility. The boys won their pool games against Adelong Small Schools and All Saints Tumbarumba and then entered the semi-finals. Here, they defeated St Patricks Gundagai convincingly and moved to the final against Tumut Public School. The first half was a tight affair with Tumut taking the lead early in the half. Gundagai hit straight back from the kick-off through Riley McDonald's barnstorming run. Gundagai ran away with the game in the second half to end up winners of the day. This sees them progress to the Grand Finals in Wagga on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Eddie Brooke's constant strength in attack and defence was rewarded being named player of the day.

A huge thankyou to all the parents who came down helped out with the organisation of teams and supported our students.



### P & C STREET STALL NEWS

Thank you everyone for a wonderfully successful street stall. We were overwhelmed with the number of great quality products that the children brought in. Thank you to those Year 1 and Year 4 parents who manned our Stall (as their class fundraising activity) and to everyone who donated cooking. We would also like to acknowledge the generous donation of a beautiful Pandora bracelet by Candice Makeham. A profit of \$1952 was made. Well done everybody!

#### Winners of the Street Stall Raffle were:

1st Prize (Pandora bracelet) - Helen Turner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (cleaning hamper - Kathy Langfield; 3rd Prize (grocery hamper) - Cheryl Levien; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize (gardening hamper) - Melinda Elliott; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize (cleaning hamper) - Norma Lovelock; 6<sup>th</sup> Prize (grocery hamper) - Mark and Penny Nicholson and 7<sup>th</sup> Prize (gardening hamper) - Abe Cotterill. Winners of the 100 Clubs were: Margaret Hawke and Betty Brown.

#### P&C MEETING

Next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 pm.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

*Aileen Parker*

**Monday 17th August**

*Hayley Monte and Meredith Tait*

**Wednesday 19th August**

*Grant Smith and Kylie Smith*

### FRESH FRIDAY

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



Pumpkin Soup	\$1.00
Muffin Toastie	60 cents
Yoghurt	80 cents

