



# Gundagai Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Newsletter No. 25

Week 6 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

### Learning

### Responsibility

### Safety

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to students, staff and parents who braved the elements to attend the Highlands Athletic Carnival last Friday. In less than favourable conditions Gundagai Public School put in some very strong performances, finishing in second place and seeing two of our students break records on the day.

Congratulations also to everyone involved in last week's excursion to Mount Selwyn. The feedback was extremely positive. Students had a wonderful time and their behaviour and positive attitude were outstanding. Staff was also full of praise for the band of parents who supported us on the day. Your efforts in helping our students in so many different ways made everything run much more smoothly and epitomises what Gundagai Public School is about; parents and staff working hand in hand to ensure students are given a broad range of experiences that can form positive and long lasting memories of their time at our school.

Performing in a whole school musical production will become another memory students will hold on to and this opportunity is fast approaching. Tickets go on sale tomorrow for our upcoming production, "Showtime at Sea". Staff and students have put a great deal of effort into preparing for the production and are excited about performing it on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. A detailed note explaining procedures for your children around these two evenings will be sent home next week.



*Edward Brooke broke the Junior Shot Put record with a throw of 8.23m*



*Ben Feltham broke the Junior Discus record with a throw of 20.90m*



#### SHOWTIME AT SEA

#### TICKETS ON SALE TOMORROW

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00 pm.

Tickets: \$5 each.

Money can be sent to school and tickets will be sent home or you may come to the front school office and view the available seating plan prior to booking.

Written by Deborah Martin

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

**Where:** 7pm in the GPS Hall

**Tickets available from the office**



## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS

Our school will be participating in the Tell Them from Me suite of surveys for students, teachers and parent on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices at Gundagai Public.

This is an area that our school believes impacts heavily on childrens performances and running this survey helps us understand parents perspectives on their childs experiences at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or in our school library. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and is entirely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17th August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/tfm-surveys/parent-survey> or you may pop into school and we will set the survey up for you to complete on one of our library computers.

The Tell Them From Me student survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Results of this data will help teachers better understand what works to improve wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning.

Students will complete the survey at school online and their information is also confidential. If you do not wish your child to take part in the Tell Them From Me survey please return the form attached to the back of this newsletter.

Gundagai Public School is committed to improving practice which will continue to build on quality teaching and student engagement.

## HIGHLANDS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, the Highlands District Athletics Carnival was held in Tumut with Gundagai Public School well represented with over 50 enthusiastic competitors. Our students proved to be competitive right across both Track and Field events with 16 place getters. These included

Name	Event
Ava Doughty	3rd Long Jump
Shau Smith	3rd 100m
Matilda Carberry	2nd Shot Put
Chloe Britt	2nd Shot Put
Laci Bower	2nd 800m
Jaylen Bell	2nd 100m
Ben Feltham	1st Discus (new record)
Eddie Brooke	1st Shot Put (new record)
Bailey Piper	1st 100m, 3rd 800m
Mia Doughty	1st 100m, 3rd 200m
Caleb Piper	3rd 800m, Discus
Abbey Polsen	3rd 100m, 200m, 800m
Millie Triggs	1st 100m, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 800m
Cody Bell	1st Long Jump, 2nd 200m, 3rd Shot Put
Jock Triggs	2nd 800m, 200m, 3rd 100m
Jack Lloyd	1st 100m, 2nd Long Jump, Discus 3rd 200m

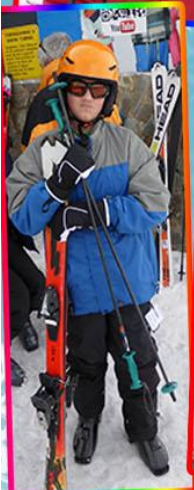
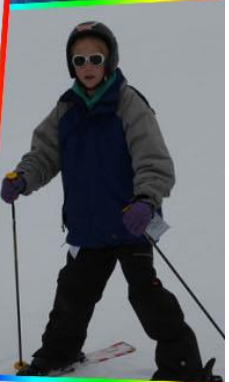


Our relay teams performed just as good with our Junior Boys and Senior Girls putting in a strong performance, both coming in second and our Junior Girls and Senior Boys blitzed the competition to come first in their respected Age races. Though Gundagai Public did not walk away with any Age champions, Jack Lloyd and Millie Triggs ended up coming second in their Age divisions overall. Mr Wheaton and Mr Mastellotto were proud of the effort and behaviour demonstrated by the students as they were given duties on the day. This meant that students had to organise themselves and be ready to be called to the marshalling areas. Congratulations to students that participated. Students that have been selected for the Riverina Athletics Carnival (August 31st) will be notified as soon as possible.



Focus on...

# Snow Trip





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>Kinder</b>	Gilbert Crane	<b>Year 4</b>	Daniel Monte
<b>Year 1</b>	Logan Smith	<b>Year 5</b>	Chloe Lloyd
<b>Year 2</b>	Ryan Lyall	<b>Year 5/6</b>	Merridy Glazebrook
<b>Year 3</b>	Adam Moy	<b>Year 6</b>	Phoebe Lotz

## 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 READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Logan Jones, Evie Jones, Zoe Smart, Halle Smart and Jorja Lenehan who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge and will be joining the Reading Champions wall of fame in the library along with all other children that have completed the challenge.

With only four days to go for challenges to be completed, please contact us at school if you require your child to have extra books sent home. Closing date for challenge cards to be returned to library is this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. This allows time for all books to be entered onto the Premier's Reading Challenge site. Certificates will then be sent to the school early December.

## Heart Foundation

# Jump Rope for Heart



Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support! Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to:

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart/Pages/default.aspx> click on the green 'Kids Join Now' button and register your child today! Just click NSW on the map and search for Gundagai Public School and your set! Remember if you don't have a computer at home and want to register ask your teacher to do this for you.

Collecting sponsorship from family and friends is also ok. Simply fill out the form, collect money and return to school. Our school has been lucky enough to be chosen for a special trial program this year, where the school gets to keep 50% of all funds raised! Our school is fundraising for new Athletics equipment.

Skipping is an excellent way to keep fit and healthy and students are learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. Remember our jump off date is Friday 11th September.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wednesday 19th August**  
Kylie Smith

**Monday 24th August**  
Rebecca Britt

**Wednesday 26th August**  
Lin Murray and Tracey Ingold

## MELBOURNE EXCURSION

Any money owing for the Stage 3 Melbourne Excursion must be paid by this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

**Information, permission notes, medical forms and lunch orders will be sent home next Monday to all students who have fully paid.**

## 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



# Jeans for Genes®

The SRC are raising awareness of childhood diseases. Jeans for Genes is the iconic fundraising campaign of Children's Medical Research Institute. Gundagai Public School will be hosting an event during Week 7 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. We ask that you get involved by wearing your favourite jeans and outdoing each other with crazy denim outfits, and donating a gold coin or purchasing merchandise, to support genetic research.

Every dollar raised helps scientist at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

## P&C MEETING

P & C meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 pm. All welcome to attend.

