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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Congratulations to our wonderful P&C for having the vision to organise, and the work ethic to coordinate, the Mega Raffle this term. Thank you to all the families who got behind the fundraiser and sold raffle tickets. As a result you have collectively helped to raise \$2800 for our school. This is a mammoth effort and will be used to purchase more iPads for your children to use and for this I am very grateful. Technology will become a major focus at Gundagai Public next year as we raise the bar in our efforts to use technology more effectively in our future focussed learning curriculum.

AWESOME

Today Semester Two Reports are being sent home and should reflect the personal milestones that students have achieved. Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the report with their children and offer praise, encouragement and guidance. If you wish to find out more about your child's progress or achievements please contact the office this week and make an appointment with the class teacher. It was a real pleasure looking at each students report and seeing the great progress achieved by many and the very positive comments teachers made about our children. All students are to be congratulated on an outstanding year of learning where together we strove to implement high quality educational opportunities across all Key Learning Areas so every student could reach and even surpass their full potential.

I am looking forward to an exciting and busy last two weeks of the school year. To help you keep track of all the extra activities that are occurring I have provided a day by day outline later in the newsletter that might help you stay informed at such a busy time. I hope to catch up with you at some of these events which really showcase and celebrate our student's achievements.

This Thursday is a very special day for all Year 6 students with Graduation Day being held at the school. On behalf of staff and students I would like to thank each of you for being a tremendous group of students in your time at our school. We wish you every success as you begin the next chapter of your lives. We are very proud of you and will miss you.



Staff and Students are both very confident of claiming the Farewell Cup at the Student Vs Staff T Ball Challenge this year. May the best team win!

DECEMBER ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE



Rhys McGregor

Connor West

Shanelle Jones

Amy Glazebrook

Brock White

James Bartlett

Chevy Ward

Laura Daley

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

At last Thursdays Term 4 Wellbeing Assembly a dedicated group of students were recognised for their outstanding commitment to the Premier's Reading Challenge. Amity Robb, Matilda Marshall, Jorja Lenehan, Mia Doughty, Riley McDonald, Millie Triggs, Damica Field and Sierra Anderson received special Gold Award certificates for completing four consecutive



years of the challenge. Congratulations and well done. Annika Smith and Jessica Hylwa were presented with Platinum Award certificates, recognising their completion of the program for seven consecutive years.

This means Annika and Jess have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge every year of their primary schooling - this is a remarkable achievement and one they should be very proud of. Special mentions must go to Mrs Craig who co-ordinates this program every year and to our Year 3 class who accepted the challenge as a team, and successfully had every class member complete the challenge this year.



PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Students at Gundagai Public School again successfully completed the Premier's Sporting Challenge and received certificates of acknowledgement today. This challenge is about working together to foster increased participation. There



is such a variety of sports and activities to suit students of any age or ability. Supporting each other to "have a go" will dramatically increase the number of students involved in regular sport and physical activity. Through the Challenge, we can achieve that goal in a fun way that is easy for students to access and understand. Congratulations to every student who focussed on improving their physical fitness and to Mr Mastellotto for co-ordinating the program.

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Students in Years Two, Three and Four successfully completed their first week of Intensive Swimming last week. The School Swimming and Water Safety Program develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The second week of this program will be held very early in first term next year as a lead up to the School Swimming Carnival being held on Friday 10th February 2017.



GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 - 2017

- **Student Parent Information Night** will be held tonight Monday 5th December at 6.00 pm in the MPC.
- **Orientation Day** Tuesday 6th December. Please meet at 8.45 am outside the MPC.

Thank You for your Support!!

Thank you to Matt and Kylie Lindley who continue to donate trees for our playground.
Thank you to Kristy Murdoch who donated two books to our library to say thank you for all we do.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note the clothing Pool will be open the Friday before school begins for those who will need to purchase last minute uniform requirements for the new school year.

Gundagai Public School expects **ALL** students to wear full school uniform each day. The uniform is durable, comfortable and economical and all items are available for sale at the clothing pool. It is very important that **ALL** students wear the correct school uniform as this reflects positively on our school, creates a sense of unity and instils pride in our learning community. Thank you to the vast majority of families supporting this policy and I am asking for your continued support next year.

Students are expected to only wear the school uniform as listed below. (For example: Canterbury shorts, other football shorts and tracksuits are not acceptable.) Students will be expected to wear black shoes (not joggers) Monday to Thursday. Varied designs and colours of footwear worn very much detracts from the otherwise outstanding appearance of our students.



It is disappointing that some students are still not adhering to school policy regarding footwear. Please note that ALL students are expected to wear BLACK shoes. You are asked to consider this when purchasing your child's next pair of shoes.



Girls Summer Uniform

Summer dress **OR** Navy shorts with light blue polo shirt
White visible socks with **black** shoes
Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem
School cap/hat

Boys Summer Uniform

Light blue polo shirt and grey shorts
Grey visible socks with **black** shoes
Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem
School cap/hat

Sports Uniforms

Blue/gold Polo shirt with royal blue football shorts/micro fibre shorts/ sport skorts (girls only)
Royal blue and gold polo fleece jumper with school emblem White socks and joggers; School cap/hat

LIBRARY NEWS

Students with library books are asked to return them to the library or school office tomorrow.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property area is overflowing with unclaimed clothing. In particular there are numerous navy blue polo fleeces and royal blue sports polo fleeces. If your child has lost an item of clothing please come and see if any of these belong to you.

All unclaimed items with no names will be washed and given to the clothing pool for resale.

P & C MEGA Raffle Results

THANK YOU to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets for our mega raffle. The P&C is delighted to announce that we made over **\$2,800!!** A great effort!!

We will inform you how many iPads we will be able to purchase at presentation evening.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Prize (Tupperware) - Tania Creber
- 2nd Prize (Lorraine Lea Linen) - Riley Britt
- 3rd Prize (Chef's Toolbox) - Sid Cotterill
- 4th Prize (Carry-on suitcase and ArmorAll Pack)- Jess Fitzgerald
- 5th Prize (Horse Head Mat) - Brock White
- 6th – 9th Prizes (Body Shop Gift Hampers) Marg Jones, Blair Pollack, Edward Toady and Gary Williamson

We would also like to make a special thank you to Liam Sadler and his family for selling eight raffle books, what a wonderful effort!

CLOTHING POOL

Thursday 8th December
9.00 to 10.00 am

Friday 27th January 2017
9.00 to 11.00 am

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 7th December
Nicole Wescombe and Rebecca Cotterill

CANTEEN CLOSED WEEK 10

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Every Wednesday at 10.15 am on FM 94.3.

Our hosts this week are Yasmin Longhurst and Joshua Smith

END OF YEAR COUNTDOWN- for your fridge!

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER - Reports sent home.

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER ~ YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. The day is an opportunity for you to meet some of your teachers, take part in a variety of classroom activities and experience what high school is really like! There are just a few reminders about Orientation Day:

- Catch the bus to Gundagai High School.
- You will be met at 8.45 am in the Year 7 area just outside the MPC.
- Please bring a water bottle and something to eat for recess. Lunch will be provided.
- Please bring your pencil case as you may require it for some of the activities.
- Please wear your Year 6 sports uniform, including a hat and joggers.

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER ~ YEAR 6 GRADUATION DAY

10.00 am: Staff vs Year 6 T-Ball Challenge. All students will be spectators in this major sporting challenge to decide who will hold the 'FAREWELL CUP' for the next 12 months.

12.30 pm: Presentation Assembly. Parents and friends of Year 6 students are encouraged to attend the Year 6 Graduation Assembly where the students will be showcased and presented with their graduation certificate. **We ask all guests to be seated by 12.25 pm.**

1.00 pm Graduation Luncheon. Parents and friends of Year 6 students are invited to attend the Luncheon. All Year 6 students and their guests must purchase their luncheon tickets (\$8 per person) by 9.30 am Tuesday morning.

6.30 to 8.30 pm: Farewell to Year 6 Disco in Gundagai Public School Hall from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Cost: \$6.00 (includes admission, drink and chips). **Please note:** All children must be collected by an adult from the Hall COLA after the disco. There is no cost for Year 6 students.

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER ~ PRESENTATION EVENING

- Children arrive at 6.50 pm at Gundagai High School Multi-Purpose Centre
- Presentation Evening commences at **7.00 pm SHARP**
- Students to wear summer uniform (including black school shoes) and sit in class groups
- All students will receive a Certificate of Recognition
- All Kindergarten students will receive a book
- Major Award Winners will be announced

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

Infants students will be performing a Christmas Nativity in Carberry Park at midday, followed by carolling down Sheridan Street before returning to school for lunch. Please come along. (You might like to bring a fold up chair)

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER ~ CLASS PARTIES

Individual class notes outlining each class's plans for this day have been sent home.

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER - Last day of school for students and staff.

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER - The school office is open today if you have any final inquiries.

DATES FOR 2017

FRIDAY 27th JANUARY - Staff return to school. Clothing Pool open from 9.00 to 11.00 am

MONDAY 30th JANUARY - Year 1 to Year 6 students commence school

TUESDAY 31st JANUARY - Kindergarten 2017 commence school.

