Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 1st February 2016
Newsletter No. 1
Week 2 Term 1
Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning Responsibility Safety

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at Gundagai Public School. Already it is shaping up to be an exciting one with a wide range of activities and learning experiences planned. Congratulations for making such a wonderful effort wearing our school uniform, including black shoes. Everyone looks so smart and part of the Gundagai Public School learning team, ready to embrace new opportunities as we strive to reach our full potential.

This year we see a number of new faces join our school and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. Last week those beginning Kindergarten attended a final full day orientation program in small groups and today twenty excited and happy Kindergarten students begin their education at Gundagai Public.

We have begun 2016 with four new families becoming part of the Gundagai Public School learning community. Starting school at Gundagai Public this year are William Wolfgarten, Lilly Dowell, Jack Dowell, Claire McGregor, Rhys McGregor, Hanyia Iftikhar and Zain Iftikhar. It is wonderful having such friendly and motivated students join our school and we are excited to welcome you aboard

Please feel free to contact the school if you need any clarification to school programs or procedures as I appreciate new routines can be somewhat confusing. Your first port of call is with Ms Agnew, our very friendly Office Manager or your child's classroom teacher. I am also happy to meet with you and enjoy the opportunity to discuss any concerns, queries, ideas or suggestion you may have. You will have further opportunities to meet with your child's teacher during Week 7 when Parent Teacher meetings will be conducted.

Gundagai Public School values your support and opinions and encourages you to stay in regular contact with your child's teacher. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone over the coming weeks and am very excited about beginning another exciting and productive year at Gundagai Public.

Kindergarten students are all happy and settled as they begin their learning journey at Gundagai Public.

CANTEEN CLOSED… Please be aware that the Canteen is unable to operate this year until an adequate number of volunteers are found. Canteen Assistance form attached.

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GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF 2016

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Year 3 Teacher

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Learning and Support

Keira French
Kindergarten Teacher

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Year 1 Teacher

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Manager

Terri Craig
School Administrative
Officer

Margie Jamieson
School Learning
Support Officer

Carmel Smith
School Learning
Support Officer

SCHOOL HOURS

Students arriving at school prior to 8.45 am must sit quietly on allocated seats as no teacher is on duty.

8.45 - 9:10 am .....Morning Play
9.10 am .....Morning Bell and Assembly
11.15 am .....Recess starts
11.45 am .....Recess ends
1.10 pm .....Lunch starts
1.30 pm .....Lunch second half
1.55 pm .....Lunch ends
3.12 pm .....Home bell

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2016

Congratulations to our newly elected student leaders; Ava, Kane, Annika and Clayton. I look forward to their positive contribution and involvement in Gundagai Public School during 2016.

MATHS TEXT BOOKS AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTION

Students in Year 1 to 6 will require two Maths text books. Cost will be $30 per student. Students will commence using their Maths textbooks at the beginning of Week 3. **These will not be issued without payment.** Thank you for your support.

General contribution covers items such as paper, folders, computer access and general supplies and is asked to be paid for by Week 8, Term 1. This payment will be $30 for all students in Years 1 to 6.

All other costs such as transport to sporting events, performances, Footsteps Dance program will be paid for as the events arise.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It was wonderful to see students in correct uniform last week. It is very important to continue wearing the appropriate school uniform each day as it reflects the school community standards and contributes to the health and safety of students when engaged in school activities. This year the school uniform code will be strictly enforced and we seek your assistance in ensuring students come to school in acceptable school uniform.

Please remember that sport shorts/skorts are royal blue. Two toned shorts are not to be worn. All students not in uniform must bring a note explaining why they are not in correct uniform. During Term One the NO SCHOOL HAT NO PLAY policy is enforced. Students who are not wearing a hat must play under the COLA.

Students will be expected to only wear the school uniform as listed below. (For example: Canterbury shorts, other football shorts and tracksuits will not be allowed.) Students will be expected to wear black shoes (not joggers) Monday to Thursday.

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

STUDENT DROP OFF and PICK UP

For safety reasons students MUST use footpaths provided.

You are encouraged to use the designated car parks however if you drop off or collect your child from the top block area they must use the footpath and **never** walk directly up/down the hill and across the teachers car park.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The second week of the intensive swimming programme commenced last Friday and will continue this week (not Wednesday due to High School Carnival). All students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in this program.

The Annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 12th February 2016. The carnival will be an all day events for Year 3-6 students, while K-2 will participate in water play activities from midday.

All parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Information on the carnival and canteen facilities was sent home today. Permission notes and lunch orders need to be returned to school by Monday 8th February 2016.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Crunch and Sip is a way for the school to promote healthy eating.

Each day children are asked to bring fresh fruit or a vegetable snack to school to eat during the morning session. Manufactured or processed fruit, eg Rollups, Fruit Bars or canned fruit are not encouraged. As Fruit Break is only a quick break it is a good idea to pre peel oranges and cut apple into pieces for the smaller children.

At this time children are also encouraged to rehydrate by drinking water and reminded of the importance of this. Many classes incorporate daily fitness into this session.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The first school assembly to 2016 will be this Thurday, 4th February in the School Hall commencing at 12.40 pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Sports Captains will be presented with their badges at this assembly.

MOBILE PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All devices brought to school by students MUST be handed into the office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

Students are not to use these devices at school. This includes in bus lines at the end of the day. Students using phones or other electronic devices at school will have them confiscated.

Students need to be aware the school takes no responsibility for these devices.

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- MONSTER Maths Books $2
- Home Reader Bags $5
- Recorders $5
- SRC Badges $5

LIBRARY NEWS

During the holidays our school library has had a facelift with the entire ceiling being replaced. This has been an enormous job and it is hoped the library will be fully operational next week.

All students will be given opportunities in class to borrow from the library each Tuesday and must bring a library bag if borrowing.

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL APP

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 on Thursday mornings, orders can be sent into school. Please enclose payment. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child. *A price list is attached.*

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Name: …….……. Class: ……

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Please find enclosed $..... for child's/children's Maths Text books

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Total amount enclosed $.....