



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 8th February 2016

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Week 3 Term 1

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

Responsibility

Safety

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A number of students were recognised for their positive and enthusiastic start to the 2016 school year at our first school assembly last Thursday. More students were recognised today with our first Student of the Week Awards, which are presented each Monday at our morning assembly. All students have made an excellent start to the school year and are demonstrating our school values on a daily basis.

Gundagai Public has three core values which underpin school operation and student learning. They are:

Learning: *Strive to reach your full potential*

Responsibility: *Be responsible for yourself, others and our school*

Safety: *Be safe towards yourself, others and our school*

It has been wonderful watching our Kindergarten students settle in so quickly to school life. This year we have 22 kindergarten students and their teacher Miss French, Learning and Support Officer Mrs Smith and the Year 6 buddies have all helped make their transition to big school a very settled one. Last week the class was visited by Transition to School mascot, Gundy Bunyip who was delighted with how happy and excited all the children were.

Thank you to the many parents who have assisted with this great start to the year. I appreciate your efforts in returning notes, updating student information as your circumstances change, making payments for textbooks and general school supplies and supporting our school uniform code. Students are all coming to school in full uniform and look most impressive and I am really grateful for your support with the wearing of black shoes. They look fantastic.



The school canteen reopens today thanks to the terrific support of so many parents, grandparents and friends. Last week the canteen was in danger of closing, however thanks to the support received, particularly from those new to our school, we were easily able to fill the roster this term. The committee has carefully matched new workers with those more experienced so that you can see how things are done. Next term if the support is as strong, we may even be able to reopen the canteen on Fridays. How wonderful that would be!

The P&C have actively been trying to improve parking conditions at our school for some time now and are in the midst of applying for a grant to help reopen the top car park. Today they are sending home a quick survey for you to complete and I encourage you to assist this project by completing the survey and returning it to school by Friday.

Congratulations to Riley, Jessica, Cody, Jessie, Clay and Claudia who were elected Sports Captains last week. These students will have a very big role to play in ensuring our school swimming carnival, being held this Friday, runs smoothly.



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RAFTER: Cody Bell and Jessie Cooper



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MATHEMATICS

Students in Year 1 to 6 who have paid for their two Maths textbooks have begun using them in the classroom. It is very important that all students have these books this week. Mathematics is a focus area at Gundagai Public as we continue to implement the new Mathematics syllabus. After viewing feedback you provided us with in the numeracy survey late last year a parent evening will be held this term for parents wishing to find out more about how Mathematics is taught at school and how they can help support their children at home.





MAKE YOUR SCHOOL PAYMENTS ONLINE

I encourage parents to begin using our online payment method when making payments to the school. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. <http://www.gundagai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Please give Ms Agnew a call if you are unsure of how to use this system and would like to give it a go. We have set this up to make paying for things such as general school contributions, extra curricula activities, excursions and sales to students easier. However this is currently on trial and will be removed if lack of use tells us that you don't want this option.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter student's name, class and what you are paying for. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **(Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.)**







FOOTY FEVER

Hits GPs

This week Gundagai Public Students will be treated to visits from the AFL and NRL. Both visits will include opportunities for photos and signatures with players from the Sydney Swans and all three senior premiership winning Gundagai Tigers teams in attendance. Parents and friends of Gundagai Public School are more than welcome to attend.

AFL - 9:30am - 10:00am Tuesday
NRL - 10:00am - 11:00am Thursday



HONOUR BOARD

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Kinder	Ned Green, Ella Anderson, Michael Fitzgerald and PBL Award Cooper Smith
Year 1	Rhys McGregor, Gabriella Streckfuss, Amy Glazebrook and PBL Award Clayton Elliott
Year 2	Xavier Kingwill, Michael French, Chevy Ward, Logan Parnaby and PBL Award Jayden Worldon
Year 3	Halle Smart, Bailey Piper, Cayden Coulton-Wescombe and PBL Award Jack Dowell
Year 4	Hanyia Iftikhar, Sebastian Smith, Ryan Anderson, Jayda Field and PBL Award Shaun Smith
Year 5	Edward Brooke, Jorja Humphreys, Justin Elliott and PBL Award Laci Bower
Year 6	Toby Dasey, Cody Bell, Jessie Cooper, Elysha Anderson and PBL Award Caleb Piper

GUNDY GREAT AWARD

Kasey Bethune for providing excellent playground support to the younger students

DISTRICT CRICKET TRIALS

Today Clayton Smith and Caleb Piper travel to Cootamunda to compete in pre-selection for the Riverina team. Good luck boys!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Jack Lindley
Year 1	Evie Jones
Year 2	Dana Rolfe-Lanyon
Year 3	Matilda Marshall
Year 4	Jayelle Britt
Year 5	Ryan Saltmarsh
Year 6	Clare Ballard

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 Jessie Cooper and Toby Dasey. The weekly Sounds of the Mountains report delivered by Year 6 students is an excellent opportunity to find out what's happening at our school. Remember to tune into FM94.3. A roster system ensures all Year 6 students are given the opportunity to report school news.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Last Friday saw the completion of another very successful School Swimming and Water Safety Program. At the end of last year students in Year 2, 3 and 4 participated in the first week of this program and continued to build on the skills they learnt in that week and over summer vacation. All students who participated will receive a certificate of achievement and a report indicating their accomplishments.

Our Year 6 students joined in the program last week and used it to train for swimming events at our carnival on Friday.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTION

General contribution fees can be paid throughout Term One. The contribution covers items such as paper, folders, computer access, some performances, special rewards and general supplies and is asked to be paid for by Week 8, Term 1.



This payment will be \$30 for all students in Kindergarten to Year 6.

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

When: Friday 12th February 2016

Time: 9.45 am - Buses depart at 9.25 am

Travel: Makeham's Buses - Students must come to school first and not go directly to the pool

Cost: \$4.25 without season ticket or \$1.25 with season ticket

Lunch: Students may pre-order from the pool kiosk or bring lunch from home

Home Departure - Change quickly and be ready to catch the bus with your school group. If leaving early ensure Primary students sign out at the recording desk

Parents please label all items of clothing. (You would be surprised what gets left behind.)

INFANTS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

When: Friday 12th February 2016

Time: 12.00 md - Buses depart at 11.50 am

Travel: Makeham's Buses

Cost: \$4.25 without season ticket or \$1.25 with season ticket

Lunch: Students may pre-order from the pool kiosk or bring lunch from home

Home Departure - Change quickly and be ready to catch the bus with your school group. If leaving early ensure Infants students report to their teacher.

Parents please label all items of clothing. (You would be surprised what gets left behind.)

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



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

Total amount enclosed \$.....