



## Learning

## Responsibility

## Safety

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A mammoth amount of sporting activities were held last week and students are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship, house spirit, exemplary behaviour and achievements. The Athletics Carnivals were wonderful days and it was great to see so many parents and friends dropping in to encourage and support our students. Congratulations to every student who participated so positively at the carnivals and to the many helpers who assisted with catering over the two day carnival. A special sports assembly will be held this Thursday afternoon to announce house and age champions and present ribbons to all place getters in track and field events.

I am looking forward to another great day next Tuesday (*please note change of date*) when all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will take part in our School Cross Country.

I hope all our Mums had a wonderful day on Sunday. So many students excitedly shared with us what they did for Mum on her special day. We see and hear firsthand what a special place you hold in your children's hearts and value that you are their first teacher.

### NAPLAN 2016

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy this week. The timetable is:

- Tuesday 10 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 11 May – Reading
- Thursday 12 May – Numeracy
- Friday 13 May – catch up day

Whilst we encourage students to do their best it is important to reassure them that this is just another form of assessment and avoid placing undue pressure on the students.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Walk Safely To School Day is always enthusiastically supported by Gundagai Public and we are all excited about being able to do it again this year. Walk Safely To School Day is a national annual event encouraging students to adhere to road safety rules when commuting to school. We hope to see as many students as possible catch the "Gundagai Public Walking Bus" on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, which departs Carberry Park at 8:30 am. The "bus" will pick up students along the way and arrive at school where breakfast can be purchased.

A detailed flyer providing more details will be sent home next week, so look out for it and keep the day free. As always, parents are most welcome to join us on this walk to school.



### ABORIGINAL CULTURE PROGRAM

Gundagai Public School will launch our Indigenous Cultural Program tomorrow at 1.10 pm.

The Gundagai Public School EnviroChamps team, the primary indigenous students from our school, Shane Herrington and Teleah Weir (Discovery Rangers with National Parks and Wildlife Service) and Tony Rudd (Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer) will be working on this project.

We aim to develop an Indigenous Outdoor Learning Space whilst providing opportunities for all students to engage with aspects of Aboriginal culture.

We are excited about working on transforming a disused space behind the netball courts into an outdoor education area that will benefit all students.



### FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

Students are really enjoying their weekly session with Jenny from Footsteps and are learning lots of dances for our end of term disco.

Please note that students who have not paid for this program will not be able to attend from this week.



## PREMIERS CHALLENGES



Students at Gundagai Public School are certainly taking up the challenge with their involvement in the Premiers Reading, Sporting and Spelling Challenge. Whilst all challenges are being supported in student classrooms, it is very evident that support from home really increases the success of these challenges. Our school is trying to improve the way homework is given as we become 21<sup>st</sup> century learners and deliver home learning differently. These challenges and the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition allows you to access information about these programs online so that you can help your child at home.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge opened on the 7th March 2016 and closes on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Children in Year K-2 are asked to read 30 books to complete the challenge whilst students in Years 3 to 6 are asked to read 20 books. Mrs Craig and our classroom teachers are supporting this program, however we really need parents to get on board and encourage their children to read at home.

### Premiers Sporting Challenge

The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

Throughout this term each child has their own log book where daily exercise is recorded. Each day at school class teachers provide opportunities for physical activities.

### Premiers Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to improve their spelling skills. All students in Years 3 to 6 will be involved in Spelling Bee activities in their classroom, however you may download the lists your self and challenge yourself at home.

The official word lists, provided by Macquarie Dictionary are now available: <http://www.artunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2016-premiers-spelling-bee>  
PASSWORD: puzzle

Year 3 and 4 words- Lists Level 1 to Level 5  
Year 5 and 6 words-Lists Level 2 to Level 6

Classroom activities will begin this term with students being selected to take part in the School Spelling Bee early next term.

## THE MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Multicultural Perspective Speaking Competition is open to NSW government school students. They will compete in either a Years 3 and 4 or a Years 5 and 6 age division delivering speeches on a multicultural theme. Over 2,000 students compete annually in the competition from all across the state. Students at Gundagai public School will be working on Public Speaking this term. However if you would like to start preparing your speech the topics for 2016 are as follows.

The in school competition will be held at Gundagai Public on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Year 3 and 4 students are asked to speak for three minutes. Year 5 and 6 students are asked to speak for four minutes.

### What are the prepared speech topics for 2016?

#### Years 3 and 4 Topics

- The same but different
- Bullying
- Racism - it stops with me
- Kids can make a difference
- The meaning of Australia Day
- When does a migrant become an Australian?
- Every family has a story
- The Olympics - bringing people together
- Recipes for harmony
- You, me, us

#### Years 5 and 6 Topics

- Respect
- Words can hurt
- My identity
- Refugees
- Multiculturalism online
- Boundless plains to share
- Stronger together
- Global connections
- Re-Reclaim Australia
- "Boo" to racism in sport



# SPORTS NEWS

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The School Cross Country will be held in Gundagai Public School Grounds next **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. All students are in daily physical activity in preparation for our Cross Country and are developing their fitness skills to run longer distances. 5-7 year olds will run 1000m; 8-10 year olds will run 2000m and 11-12 year olds will run 3000m. Races will begin at 11:15 am.

At the conclusion of the run children will have the opportunity to purchase a special lunch which is being organised by the P&C. Parents and friends are invited to be part of this special sporting occasion so we hope you can join us on the day. ***Students who suffer from asthma need to carry their puffer.***

## SPORTS ASSEMBLY

A special sports assembly will be held this Thursday at 2.00 pm in the school hall to present ribbons and announce house and age champions from the athletics carnival.

## SPORT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School Cross Country
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Highlands Athletics
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Highlands Cross Country
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Riverina Cross Country
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Infants Athletics Carnival
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Riverina Athletics

## SCHOOL NETBALL DRESSES

Last year, the Year 6 of 2015 raised over \$700 by selling cakes, biscuits and hot dog meal deals. The money raised was used to purchase new Netball Dresses.

Their gift has been greatly appreciated. These netball dresses will be used next year for the Netball Cup.



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



## OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2017

Online applications for Year 4 students seeking Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2017 are now open. Applications must be submitted online by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that no late applications will be accepted. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>Kinder</b>	Sybil Triggs
<b>Year 1</b>	Cooper Bartlett
<b>Year 2</b>	Deanna Smith
<b>Year 3</b>	Holly Deckers
<b>Year 4</b>	Madison Smith
<b>Year 5</b>	Jorja Humphreys
<b>Year 6</b>	Bianca French



### LIBRARY BORROWING...

Remember Tuesday is Library borrowing day for all students at Gundagai Public School. Please bring your library bag to school each Tuesday.

### SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Each Wednesday morning at 10.30 am tune into FM 94.3 for Gundagai Public School news and upcoming events. Our hosts this week are Ava Doughty and Ben Feltham.



## P & C NEWS

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY

Our next catering event for the school will be the school cross country (this involves the whole school, K- 6). We will be taking pre-orders for sausages in bread (\$2) and soft drinks (\$2) and water (\$1). Lollies and chips and cold fruit will also be available on the day.

Parents, grandparents and any other spectators are also welcome to put in orders. Could all orders for students include the student's class on them please. Orders must be in by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone is interested in helping on this day please return slip attached..

### STREET STALL

Our street stall will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone in the school is invited to contribute to this fundraiser. Please drop your items to the street stall on the day.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding as out of uniform day to collect hamper items for our raffle.

Please bring in an item to contribute:

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2	Cleaning item
Year 3 and Year 4	Grocery item
Year 5 and Year 6	Gardening item

We will also be asking for volunteers to spend one hour sitting on the stall. Sitting on the stall is really easy and involves selling cakes, selling 100 Club tickets and raffle tickets. If you could spare an hour it would be most appreciated. Please return slip attached.

### NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

The P&C now have a fundraising face book group. This is to be used for organising fundraising. To join the group go to Gundagai Public School P&C on Facebook.

*Thank you, fundraising committee*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 2	Monday 9 May	Wednesday 11 May
	Sisie Murdoch and Kristy Murdoch	Rebecca Cotterill and Nicole Wescombe
Week 3	Monday 16 May	Wednesday 18 May
	Melissa Murray and Jesmine Coromandel	Melissa Merrin and Meredith Tait

### UPDATED CANTEEN MENU

Attached to this newsletter is an updated Winter Canteen Menu. Thank you for your understanding with the changes that have occurred. There will be no more changes to the menu this term.