



# Gundagai Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

### Learning

### Responsibility

### Safety

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all the parents, friends and community members who showed their support for our school by attending Education Week Open Day last Wednesday. On this day you had the opportunity to witness the positive energy in our classrooms specifically and within the school generally as you spent time in our school. We feel privileged to work in this environment every day, were proud to be given the opportunity to show off our school and grateful to all of you who came and supported us. Your positive feedback was very much appreciated.



Great schools don't just happen and I am very grateful to the staff from our school that continually work hard and model the importance of lifelong learning. This year staff have undertaken numerous Professional Learning courses and worked collaboratively to ensure we deliver consistent quality education to every child every day as is underpinned in our school plan and delivered under the umbrellas of How2Learn and Positive Behaviour for Learning.



It was a real pleasure to be able to present our School Administration Manager, Janette Agnew with a special certificate, acknowledging her 20 years of service with the Department of Education during the Open Day formalities. Ms Agnew has spent the last 14 of those years at Gundagai Public and parents, students, staff and community members have gotten to know and appreciate the very helpful, efficient and caring person who is usually their first port of call when contacting our school. It is a pleasure having such a wonderful staff member on our team and we are pleased to acknowledge such a significant milestone in her career.

**Gundagai Public School provides high quality educational opportunities for every child every day.**

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

**STUDENTS:**  
ACHIEVEMENT  
&  
ENGAGEMENT

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

**STAFF:**  
BEST PRACTICE  
&  
PROFESSIONAL  
GROWTH

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

**SCHOOL:**  
DYNAMIC  
EDUCATIONAL  
COMMUNITY  
CULTURE

**Purpose:** To ensure all students are actively engaged in meaningful and challenging learning experiences.

**Purpose:** To build the capabilities of learning, teaching and leadership in all.

**Purpose:** To create a positive culture within the school community where all stakeholders feel a sense of belonging and wellbeing.

# HIGHER ORDER WAYS to LEARN



HOW2Learn is a strategy focused on building students' capacity to learn. It covers 4 broad areas.

- **Creating a culture** that enables learning to be central in all school directions and decisions.
- **Building growth mindsets** to strengthen our learning experiences.
- Developing a rich set of **lifelong learning habits**
- Developing **teaching practices** that are worthy of our time and accelerate learning for all.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning allows schools to provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments in the school setting and now underpins our school wellbeing framework. We use the skills, language and strategies of Positive Behaviour for Learning to reinforce the core values of **Safety, Responsibility and Learning** in all school settings. The approach focuses on

- Building systems that make it easier to teach
- Encouraging pro-social behaviour
- Responding consistently and effectively to problem behaviour
- Teaching all students what is expected
- Providing academic and social support for ALL students.



Expectations are taught following a whole school matrix. With everyone understanding what we expect at school helps staff and parents deliver a consistent message about school expectations to all students.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Semester Two SRC students were announced last week. The SRC continues to play an active role in our school, giving a voice to students and developing roles of leadership and responsibility. Miss French meets regularly with SRC members where many ideas are initiated and developed. Congratulations to the Semester Two team. We look forward to all the great things you will implement during your term in office.



**HIGHLANDS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August** Rain is forecast and we are advised that due to the present condition of the grounds, if rain occurs the carnival will not be on. A decision will be made Wednesday morning and we will notify you by the school bag app as soon as we know.

**NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY KINDER - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August** at 12.00 md.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016.** Hosted by Year 6. All welcome to attend.



# OPEN DAY 2016







## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>Kinder</b>	Alexander Merrin
<b>Year 1</b>	Chase Russell
<b>Year 2</b>	Claire Lindley
<b>Year 3</b>	Ryan Lyall
<b>Year 4</b>	Jasmin Morton-Manwaring
<b>Year 5</b>	Laura Daley
<b>Year 6</b>	Jessica Hlywa

## MT SELWYN EXCURSION - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Roll call in the school hall at 5.45 am.

**Please Note:** Mt Selwyn is under new management. All payments for this excursion had to be made up front.



Mt Selwyn will not refund any money, therefore if your child is unable to attend on the day, they will not be imbursemented.

## TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

Good luck to Jayda Field, Charlise Longhurst, Jayelle Britt, Bindi Crane, Shanelle Jones, Tiarna Carberry, Mia Doughty, Brittany White, Jaylen Bell, Cooper Bethune, Cooper Ballard, Joseph Polsen, Shaun Smith, Bailey Piper, Bailey Clark, James Bartlett and Gus Pollack who will be competing in the Trent Barrett Shield competition this Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August at ANZAC Park.

## PSSA RIVERINA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Annika Smith had an enjoyable day at Thurgoona last Monday despite challenging weather conditions. Although Annika was unsuccessful in Riverina selections she had a most successful day winning the 18 Hole Open Handicap, the Putting Competition and the longest and straightest hit with a driver.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Monday 8 August</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 August</b>
	School staff	Kylie Smith and Rebecca Cotterill
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Monday 15 August</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>
	Sarah Triggs and Kate Lenehan	Melissa Merrin and Meredith Tait

