



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 6 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results will be sent home with students in Years 3 and 5. These provide a snapshot of how your child is achieving at school and is one of many ways teachers derive information to inform their teaching. Teachers continually use this external data and internal data from our school assessment schedule to modify their teaching practice to further improve learning outcomes of all our students. With the release of NAPLAN results it is a great time to make contact with your child's teacher to help you fully understand how to interpret these results.

Continuing to improve the educational outcomes of your children is a real priority at Gundagai Public School as we work to achieve the Premiers Priorities in Education of improving the proportion of NSW students in the top two bands of NAPLAN by 8% and the driving force of our school plan under Strategic Direction 1.

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

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

Students: Achievement and Engagement

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

Improvement Measures:

- Students will reach stage appropriate outcomes, achieve at or above twelve months yearly growth on the Literacy and Numeracy continuums and move into the proficiency bands in NAPLAN.
- How2Learn is implemented across the school, building learning power and improving engagement and learning.

Our school choir has been busy rehearsing for "Just Singing", a celebration of song to be held at the Montreal Theatre Tumut on Tuesday 8th September 2016. Tickets for the evening concert are \$8.00 each and are available from our office. I can strongly recommend that this evening will be highly entertaining.



FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

Whilst the majority of students at Gundagai Public School attend school regularly and demonstrate excellent attendance data, a small majority of students are beginning to show regular patterns of high absenteeism. These students were flagged in a meeting with the Home School Liason officer last week.

The Education Reform Act requires students to attend school every day that the school is open. Parents or carers are required by law to provide an explanation to the school to say why their child was absent.

The following procedures must be followed at Gundagai Public School when your child is absent

FULL DAY ~ provide the class teacher with a written explanation upon his/her return to school OR phone/email/school app Ms Agnew with the details.



LATE ARRIVAL ~ should your child arrive after 9.15 am call at the office and collect a LATE NOTE. Child hands late note to their class teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE ~ should you need to collect your child at anytime during the school day, call at the office and collect a PERMISSION TO LEAVE slip. Hand this note to your child's teacher or the teacher on playground duty.

HOLIDAY ABSENCES

- Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods WILL BE included as absences.
- If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, the following considerations apply:
 - Families must apply for leave BEFORE going on holiday.
 - If the Principal accepts the reason for the absence, the leave is marked as "L" and a certificate of Extended Leave – holiday is issued.
 - If the Principal does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as "A" and a Certificate of Extended Leave will not be issued.
 - Leave applied for after returning from holidays cannot be granted.
- Extended Holiday application forms are available from the office.

When students do not attend school regularly it has a significant impact on their learning. The more days missed the greater the impact.

 Public Schools NSW		EVERY DAY COUNTS... A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...		
When your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is.....	And therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 days a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4
<i>Give your child every chance to success...</i>			Every day counts!	

Please help us give your child the best opportunity to succeed, thrive and grow through sending them to school as often as possible.

PICASSO MIX & MATCH ART

Year 4 took part in a Picasso inspired Mix and Match art lesson. The results were quite abstract!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The next school assembly will be held this Thursday 25th August commencing at 12.40 pm in the school hall. Host class is Year 2. All welcome to attend.

LIBRARY BORROWING...

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



RIVERINA ATHLETICS

The Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 2nd September 2016 at Alexandra Park in Albury. Students attending have been given their permission notes.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Zain Iftikhar
Year 1	Evie Jones
Year 2	Annie Triggs
Year 3	Walt Bishop
Year 4	Hunter Field
Year 5	Seth Jones
Year 6	Sierra Anderson

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers Reading Challenge closed last Friday, 19th August 2016. PRC cards must be handed into Mrs Craig by tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd August. This can be done during your library lesson.

Congratulations to Jayda Field, Rhys Coulton-Wescombe Nicholas Tait, Millie Triggs, Ned Green, Riley McDonald, Xavier Kingwill and Claire Lindley for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge.



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 Caleb Piper and Sierra Anderson



CANTEEN ROSTER

	Monday 22 August	Wednesday 24 August
Week 6	Sisie Murdoch Kristy Murdoch	Elicia Bond Hayley Monte
	Monday 29 August	Wednesday 31 August
Week 6	Cathy Polsen Rebecca Britt	Meredith Tait Juanita Coleman

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL APP

Our Skoolbag app has proved one of our most effective and efficient forms of communication, allowing information to be updated to you instantly. To date 305 have downloaded our Skoolbag app and we are very grateful to those of you who are using it. Remember downloading this app is very easy with it being available for iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows smart mobiles. Head into your phones store and search for Gundagai Public School.



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