



# Gundagai Public School

# NEWSLETTER

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Newsletter No. 26

Week 7 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

**Learning**

**Responsibility**

**Safety**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today students were treated to a highly entertaining performance by Sean Choolburra. Sean is one of Australia's most loved and acclaimed indigenous performers. Sean trained and toured internationally with Bangarra Dance Company and was the creator and leader of the Naroo Dancers. His performance included dance, storytelling, painting and didgeridoo playing and also provided students the opportunity to view a wonderful array of artefacts, from fishing nets to hunting shields. Sean is currently the host of *Express Yourself* on NITV.

Year 6 student Damica Field has embraced the opportunity to be part of the Riverina Regional Central Choir and travels to Wagga on a regular basis to rehearse and perform. This week the choir will be performing as part of a 700 combined choir at The Festival of Choral Music at the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. The choir will sing a repertoire of songs specially composed and arranged for them including "Circle of Life" from The Lion King, "Touch the Sky" from Brave, the popular "I Still Call Australia Home" and "Green Eggs and Ham" from Seussical the Musical. Gundagai Public School wishes Damica all the best as she undertakes this magnificent musical experience.



Next week students across our Highlands network of schools will to be involved in a similar experience when 13 local schools come together as a mass choir as well as presenting individual choral items. This hugely anticipated 2016 performance of "*Just Singing - A Celebration Of Song*" is being held at the Montreal Theatre on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm.

One important project being undertaken at Gundagai Public School this year has been the upgrade of the school library. The library is a focal point of the school and is used for numerous functions including P&C meetings, staff meetings and professional learning network meetings and is where our VCs are held as we connect with others in the virtual world. It is also a great place to spend some time at lunch if you want time out of the playground, to play board games, build with lego or read. The computer hub, installed last year can also be accessed for leisure or to support learning over lunchtime as well.



The P&C have actively supported this upgrade and kindly donated \$2000 towards this project for the purchase of six new ottomans. These look bright and colourful and provide the opportunity for various flexible learning spaces to be created across multiple contexts. All of us at Gundagai Public thank the P&C for this generous donation.

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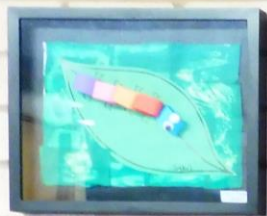
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## ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE



*Sybil Triggs  
Alex Smith*



*Bindi Crane  
Sid Cotterill*



*Nicholas Tait  
Gabriella Streckfuss*



*Cayden Wescombe  
Ava Doughty*

## SPELLING BEE

Students in our primary classes have all participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee at school throughout the term, learning to spell new words and increasing their vocabulary. The Spelling Bee was introduced to provide a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling and promote improved literacy. Last week students from each class were selected to take part in the Gundagai Public School Spelling Bee, being held at school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Congratulations to our finalists:

**Year 3:** James Bartlett, William Wolfgarten, Halle Smart, Bailey Piper, Riley Elliott and Matilda Marshall

**Year 4:** Tiarna Carberry, Bindi Crane, Madison Smith, Shaun Smith, Hanyia Iftikhar, Mia Doughty

**Year 5:** Millie Triggs, Zac Lyall, Alex Smith, Justin Elliott, Jacob Fitzgerald, George Tait

**Year 6:** Blair Pollack, Elysha Anderson, Sierra Anderson, Kasey Bethune, Annika Smith, Chloe Lloyd

The Stage 2 Spelling Bee final will be held at 12 noon and the Stage 3 Spelling Bee final will be held at 12.30 pm. Both events will take place in the school hall and parents are most welcome to attend.

## TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

Trent Barrett Shield finals will be held in Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Notes were handed out today to both teams competing.

## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Ruby Turner, Mia Doughty, Jayelle Britt, Isaac Doughty, Craig Bond, Connor West, Jayden West, Alexander Merrin, Eva Wheaton, Joey Polsen, Ava Doughty, Clare Ballard and Sierra Anderson 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 29 August	Wednesday 31 August
<b>Week 7</b>	Rebecca Britt Veronica Britt	Meredith Tait Juanita Coleman
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 29 August Kristy Murdoch Sisie Murdoch	Wednesday 31 August Nicole Wescombe Rebecca Cotterill



**FOCUS ON ...**

# **KINDERGARTEN**

## **WE'RE NOT GOOD, WE'RE GREAT!**

Kindergarten know that every learning challenge is like a journey – when we start we are excited and we can't wait to succeed! But then the journey isn't easy, and sometimes we get frustrated, we think we should just quit, that's when we know you are in the dip.

Everyone goes through the dip. It's the only way to learn things that challenge us.

It's the only way that makes our brains stronger!  
Kindergarten has been working hard on climbing out of the dip.

- Always trying hard
- Doing our best
- Never giving up
- Reflecting on our learning
- Keep our brains going!
- Facing the challenge!



### **THE DIP!**





# HONOUR BOARD

ASSEMBLY AWARDS		STUDENT OF THE WEEK	
<b>Kinder</b>	Alexander Merrin, Sophie Jones, Liam Sadler and PBL Award Zain Iftikhar	<b>Kinder</b>	Cooper Smith
<b>Year 1</b>	Cain Turner, Gilbert Crane, Leah Lyall and PBL Award Jayden Anderson	<b>Year 1</b>	Cooper Bartlett
<b>Year 2</b>	Elena Loukissas, Nicholas Tait, Nicholas Brown, Nicholas McMurray and PBL Award Annie Triggs	<b>Year 2</b>	Logan Smith
<b>Year 3</b>	Bailey Clark, Jorja Lenehan, Isabella Rose and PBL Award Gus Pollack	<b>Year 3</b>	Abe Cotterill
<b>Year 4</b>	Charlise Longhurst, Mia Doughty, Kayne Worldon, Jayda Field and PBL Award Madison Smith	<b>Year 4</b>	Jayda Field
<b>Year 5</b>	Daniel Monte, George Tait, Laci Bower and PBL Award Jock Smith	<b>Year 5</b>	Ryan Saltmarsh
<b>Year 6</b>	Jessica Hlywa, Chloe Lloyd, Kane Lindley, Joshua Smith and PBL Award Damica Field	<b>Year 6</b>	Caleb Piper
<b>GUNDY GREAT AWARD</b> <i>Proudly sponsored by AGstock</i>			
Leah Lyall for being a caring and responsible student in the playground			



## RIVERINA PSSA ATHLETICS

This morning students were presented with ribbons from the Highlands Carnival. This Friday successful competitors will be competing in the Riverina PSSA Carnival at Albury.

Good luck to Riley Bethune, Laci Bower, Edward Brooke, Indiana Cooper, Ava Doughty, Mia Doughty, Jorja Humphreys, Jorja Lenehan, Bailey Piper, Caleb Piper, Deanna Smith, Annie Triggs, Millie Triggs and Archie Wheaton.