



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 5th September 2016

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Week 8 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Tuesday sees a number of students out of the school on representative duties. Our Stage 2 League Tag and Rugby League teams will be competing in the finals of the Trent Barrett competition in Wagga. Both teams were undefeated at the Gala Day held in Gundagai earlier this term and have been training hard with Mr Mastellotto and Miss Somerville to ensure they are ready for the finals. Good luck from all at Gundagai Public.

Our school choir, accompanied by Mrs Carpenter, will spend the day in Tumut rehearsing for the evenings grand performance of JUST SINGING. As well as forming part of the mass choir with 13 other Highlands schools our choir will perform the individual items '*Count on me*' and '*Friends are all you need*'. This is a major cultural event on the Highlands school calendar and Mrs Argæt has been instrumental in initiating and co-ordinating this performance. We are so lucky to have Mrs Argæt's creative talents in our school each week. Good luck everyone. I know it will be an amazing night.

These two major events on the one day, again exemplifies the varied opportunities available to students at this school and the dedicated teachers who enjoy taking on the added responsibilities of these extra curricula programs.

Over the past few weeks we have been pleased to welcome new students Jasmin Morton-Manwaring and Jazmin Bell to our school. Jasmin is in Year 4 and Jazmin is in Kindergarten. We hope you enjoy being part of the Gundagai Public School learning community.

I hope our Dad's all had a great day yesterday and enjoyed spending Father's Day with their children. We are lucky enough to hear many stories about what you do with your children throughout the year as our students share positive recounts of time spent together. I can assure you that you hold a very special place in your children's hearts.



The entire student body was entertained by Sean Choolburra last Monday afternoon. Sean is one of Australia's most loved and acclaimed indigenous performers and he entertained our students with dance, storytelling, humour and didgeridoo playing. Students were also given the opportunity to view a wonderful array of artefacts, from fishing nets to hunting shields. Feedback from students was very positive and this performance helped develop a better understanding by all of the merging traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture.



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SPELLING BEE

Last Wednesday a number of students participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee at school. It was introduced to provide a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling and promote improved literacy. It was obvious from the outstanding efforts of Gundagai Public School finalists last week that it certainly does just that. All class representatives rose to the occasion and demonstrated excellent spelling skills. Congratulations to Cooper Bethune, William Wolfgarten, Kasey Bethune and Elysha Anderson who have been selected to represent Gundagai Public School in the Regional Premiers Spelling Bee to be held at South Wagga Public School on Monday 12th September 2016. Good Luck!



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff attended CPR training last Tuesday evening which was conducted by The Australian Lifesaving Academy. I appreciate the commitment Gundagai Public School staff demonstrate when undertaking such important training.



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS

Our school will be participating in the Tell Them from Me suite of surveys for students, teachers and parent on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices at Gundagai Public.

This is an area that our school believes impacts heavily on childrens performances and running this survey helps us understand parents perspectives on their childs experiences at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

Your feedback is vital. Please help us by completing the following survey. Our parent surveys are now ready to be completed. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices at Gundagai Public.

Parent can access the survey through the following web address:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6b7h2> OR a push notification has been sent via Skoolbag. If you click the 'Visit Link' button you can access the survey directly.

If you are unable to access this from home please call into the office and our friendly staff will set up the survey for you to complete at our computer hub in the library.



Classroom Capers

Each student in Year 5 has sent an artwork to the Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery to be displayed in the Gulbalanha (Know and Understand Each Other) exhibition.

Having the artworks displayed at the gallery is the culmination of a year-long project where students have studied Wiradjuri artists and their techniques.

The students and their families will have the opportunity to attend the exhibition opening on Saturday 17th September, with the artworks to be displayed until 20th November 2016.

Year 5 Art Project



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be held this Thursday 8th September 2016.

This assembly will be hosted by Year 5. All welcome to attend.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Sybil Triggs
Year 1	Clayton Elliott
Year 2	Chloe Ryan
Year 3	Gus Pollack
Year 4	Ryan Anderson
Year 5	Millie Triggs
Year 6	Cody Bell

PSSA RIVERINA GIRLS CRICKET TRIALS

Good luck to Jessie Cooper, Laura Daley, Millie Triggs and Chloe Lloyd who travelled to Lavington today to compete in the PSSA Riverina Cricket trials.



RIVERINA PSSA ATHLETICS

The Riverina Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled and will now be held on Friday 16th September.

Permission notes must be returned for your child to attend this carnival.

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 Riley Bethune and Chloe Lloyd.



TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

Good luck to Jayda Field, Charlise Longhurst, Jayelle Britt, Halle Smart, 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 finals in Wagga Wagga tomorrow.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week	Monday 5 September	Wednesday 7 September
8	Kristy and Sisie Murdoch	Nicole Wescombe Rebecca Cotterill
Week	Monday 12 September	Wednesday 14 September
9	CLOSED	CLOSED
Week	Monday 13 September	Wednesday 21 September
10	Cathy Polsen and Kate Lenehan	CLOSED

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note the canteen will be **closed on Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 21st** September 2016. If your child comes on these days without food, they will be given a vegemite sandwich.

Below please find a canteen volunteer assistance form. If you are able to assist by working in the canteen in Term 4, please complete and return to school by the end of Week 9.

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CANTEEN ASSISTANCE ~ Term 4

Name: Mobile:.....

I would prefer to work on: *Please circle*

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

I am able to work: *Please circle*

1

2

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times per term

If possible I would prefer to work with