



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 2 Term 1

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at Gundagai Public School. Already it is shaping up to be an exciting one with a wide range of activities and learning experiences planned. This year we see many new faces join our school and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new parents, students and staff.

We have begun 2017 with 12 new families becoming part of the Gundagai Public School learning community. Tomorrow 15 excited and happy Kindergarten students will begin their education at Gundagai Public and have already shown what a great group they are when they participated in our successful orientation program towards the end of last year.

Also starting school at Gundagai Public this year are Joel Sharman in Year 1, Matthew Rolfe in Year 2, Zac Scott in Year 3, Sam Sharman in Year 4, William Murphy in Year 5 and Billy Rolfe in Year 6. It is wonderful having such friendly and motivated students join our school and we are excited to welcome you aboard.

This year we welcome new staff members Rebecca Bell and Jessica Breen. We are also delighted to be able to welcome back, Rhea Somerville and Dane O'Hehir, who both joined our team throughout 2016 in relieving capacities.

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF 2017



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Please feel free to contact the school if you need any clarification to school programs or procedures as I appreciate new routines can be somewhat confusing. Your first port of call is with Ms Agnew, our very friendly Office Manager or your child's classroom teacher. I know staff are looking forward to getting to know you all so please feel free to introduce yourself if you see them on duty, after our whole school assemblies or at our upcoming school swimming carnival. You will have further opportunities to meet with your child's teacher during Week 7 when Term One Parent Teacher meetings will be conducted.

Gundagai Public School values your support and opinions and encourages you to stay in regular contact with your child's teacher. I also am happy to meet with you and enjoy the opportunity to discuss any concerns, queries, ideas or suggestion you may have. I am looking forward to catching up with every one over the coming weeks and am very excited about beginning another exciting and productive year at Gundagai Public.

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2017



Congratulations to our newly elected student leaders: Millie Triggs, Edward Brooke, Laci Bower and Riley McDonald. I look forward to their positive contribution and involvement in Gundagai Public School during 2017.

MATHS TEXT BOOKS PAYMENT

Almost all needs for school students are supplied by our school. Students are asked to purchase very little at Gundagai Public School. Students in Year 1 to 6 are required to purchase two Maths text books which are essential to supporting our numeracy program.

Students will commence using their Maths textbooks next week. Cost will be \$32 per student. **These will not be issued without payment.** Thank you for your support.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTION PAYMENT

All students are asked to pay a \$30 general contribution fee at the beginning of each year. This fee covers items such as paper, folders, computer access and general supplies and is asked to be paid for by Week 10 this term.

This fee is very minimal in comparison to many other schools and is used to continue supporting your child's education.

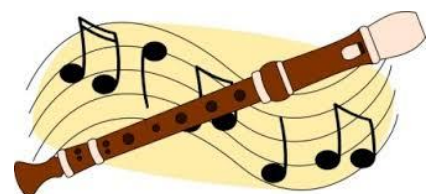
All other costs such as transport to sporting events, performances, Footsteps Dance program will be paid for as the events arise.

PERMISSION NOTES and MEDICAL FORMS

At the beginning of each year the school is required to update student information. A new set of Permission Notes and Medical Forms are being sent home today and need to be returned as soon as possible so we have the most current information about your child to assist us if the need arises.

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- MONSTER Maths Books \$2
- Home Reader Bags \$5
- Recorders \$5
- SRC Badges \$5



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Having students wear correct uniform is a priority at Gundagai Public School as it projects a positive school culture and a sense of unity and belonging amongst students. It also contributes to the health and safety of students when engaged in school activities. This year the school uniform code will be strictly enforced and we seek your assistance in ensuring students come to school in acceptable school uniform.

Please remember that sport shorts/skorts are royal blue. Two toned shorts are not to be worn. All students not in uniform must bring a note explaining why they are not in correct uniform. During Term One the NO SCHOOL HAT NO PLAY policy is enforced. Students who are not wearing a hat must play under the COLA.

Students will be expected to only wear the school uniform as listed below. (For example: Canterbury shorts, other football shorts and tracksuits will not be allowed.) Students will be expected to wear black shoes (not joggers) Monday to Thursday.

Girls Summer Uniform

Summer dress **OR** Navy shorts with light blue polo shirt

White visible socks with **black** shoes

Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem

School cap/hat

Boys Summer Uniform

Light blue polo shirt and grey shorts

Grey visible socks with **black** shoes

Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem

School cap/hat

Sports Uniforms

Blue/gold Polo shirt with royal blue football

shorts/micro fibre shorts/ sport skorts (girls only)

Royal blue and gold polo fleece jumper with school emblem

White socks and joggers; School cap/hat

PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM

The second week of the intensive swimming program commenced last Friday and will continue this week (not Wednesday due to High School Carnival). All students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in this program.

The Annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 10th February 2017. The carnival will be an all day events for Year 3-6 students, while K-2 will participate in water play activities from midday.

All parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Information on the carnival and canteen facilities was sent home today.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Crunch and Sip is a way for the school to promote healthy eating.



Each day children are asked to bring fresh fruit or a vegetable snack to school to eat during the morning session. Manufactured or processed fruit, eg Rollups, Fruit Bars or canned fruit are not encouraged. As Fruit Break is only a quick break it is a good idea to pre peel oranges and cut apple into pieces for the smaller children.

At this time children are also encouraged to rehydrate by drinking water and reminded of the importance of this. Many classes incorporate daily fitness into this session.

The simplest way to get your kids loving Fruit & Veg.

Eating plenty of fruit and veg can help keep your children healthy, but sometimes it's hard to get them to eat enough. Children often copy their parents, so our first tip is to make sure you eat enough too!



Other tips are:

- **Put your kids in charge.** Let them choose and wash fruit and veg for their lunch box; if they're able to, let them peel, cut or grate it.
- **Keep it interesting.** Cut fruit and veg into a variety of small shapes so it's easier and fun to eat.

STUDENT DROP OFF and PICK UP

For safety reasons students **MUST** use footpaths provided.



You are encouraged to use the designated car parks however if you drop off or collect your child from the top block area they must use the footpath and **never** walk directly up/down the hill and across the teachers car park. Students arriving at school prior to 8.45 am must sit quietly on allocated seats as no teacher is on duty until this time.

MOBILE PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All devices brought to school by students **MUST** be handed into the office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

Students are not to use these devices at school. This includes in bus lines at the end of the day. Students using phones or other electronic devices at school will have them confiscated.

Students need to be aware the school takes no responsibility for these devices.

MAKE YOUR SCHOOL PAYMENTS ONLINE

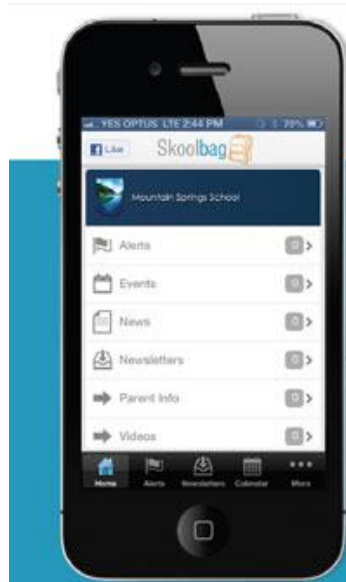
I encourage parents to use our online payment method when making payments to the school. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. <http://www.gundagai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Please give Ms Agnew a call if you are unsure of how to use this system and would like to give it a go. We have set this up to make paying for things such as general school contributions, extra curricula activities, excursions and sales to students easier. However this is currently on trial and will be removed if lack of use tells us that you don't want this option.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter student's name, class and what you are paying for. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. (***Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.***)



GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL APP

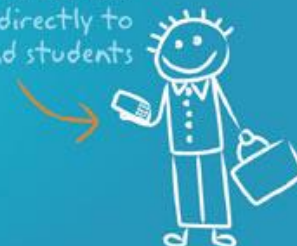


Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is open every THURSDAY from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for the purchase of new and used uniforms. If you are unable to attend the clothing shop on Thursday mornings, orders can be sent into school. Please enclose payment. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child.

A price list is attached.

CANTEEN

The school canteen will begin operation next week. The canteen is currently open Monday and Wednesday at recess and lunchtime.

Volunteers are needed to help on these days. You do not need any experience to volunteer as support will be given when you begin. This is a great way to be involved in your child's school and they really love seeing you there.

If every family could endeavour to volunteer once this semester it would be fantastic. Of course you are very welcome to volunteer on a more regular basis.

Please complete the canteen assistance form towards the end of the newsletter and return to school by next Wednesday so the canteen roster for Term One can be finalised.

