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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the many parents who have assisted with this great start to the year. I appreciate your efforts in returning notes, updating student information as your circumstances change, making payments for textbooks and general school supplies and supporting our school uniform code. Students are all coming to school in full uniform and look most impressive and I am really grateful for your support with the wearing of black shoes.

Last Friday class teachers sent home individual letters outlining class requirements and procedures for the year. This Thursday all student workbooks will be sent home to be covered. I realise what a job this can be and appreciate your efforts with this. Please ensure all books are



returned to school the following Monday as students will need these as another week of learning begins. Similarly as our Literacy and Numeracy groups begin next week all students in Years 1 to 6 will need to have their Maths textbooks paid for so they can complete set class tasks in these. Details about this payment can be found later in the newsletter.

This year our school team is very excited with the way Literacy and Numeracy learning opportunities are being structured. At Gundagai Public our vision is to provide *High Quality Educational Opportunities For Every Child Every Day*. Our school had totally embraced the educational reform model of *Local Schools Local Decisions* which now allows the individual school more opportunities to plan for and fund programs to place student's front and centre of our decision

making to best meet their needs. This year our school is using a very innovative approach with our Resource Allocation Funding (Gonski) which will see Literacy and Numeracy sessions in every classroom supported with either a School Learning Support Officer or second teacher to allow for more explicit teaching and the opportunity to target specifically the individual learning needs of all students.

Even more innovative is our Stage 3 model, which sees these students supported by 4 teachers as they work in needs based Literacy and Numeracy groups, allowing for activities which support and challenge all students and prepare them for their secondary education. Mrs Wheaton, Miss Breen, Mrs Elphick and Mr Wheaton will begin implementing this model next week.

Another exciting innovation this year at Gundagai Public School is a huge focus on implementing quality technology programs across the school. Mr Wheaton will be working with all primary classes in weekly 90 minute technology sessions to specifically support and enrich students at Gundagai Public School in this area. To complement this all class teachers will supplement their programs with specific technology activities. The very successful fundraising project organised by the P&C towards the end of last year, which you all so generously supported, allows us to purchase even more iPads for classroom to make this focus even more effective.



Every Child Every Opportunity Every Day

To find out more about any of these programs please come along to our first P&C meeting, being held on Tuesday 14th February at 6:00pm or our Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Evening being held on the 7th March. More details about this important evening will be provided in the coming weeks.



Kindergarten students are all happy and settled as they begin their learning journey at Gundagai Public.

A very big welcome to Grace Wheaton, Alex Ryan, Dane Smart, Dane Field, Pepper Maconochie Chase Polsen, Torri Moy, Jacob Smart, Braydon Bell, Aiden Broadhurst, Nate Mooney, Kaylee Rose, Xanthe Shannon, Maya Morris and Layla Field .

Mrs Bell is so impressed with how quickly her class has adapted to school routines. This Friday Kindergarten joins Year One and Two in attending the Infants Waterplay Carnival. This is a great opportunity for our Kinder parents to come along and meet other parents and their child's friends.

WELLBEING

A number of students were recognised today for their positive and enthusiastic start to the 2017 school year with our first 2017 Student of the Week Awards, which are presented each Monday at our morning assembly.

More students will be recognised at our first school assembly for the term, beginning this Thursday at 12:40 pm in the hall. Parents and friends are always encouraged to attend these assemblies. At this assembly our 2017 sports captains and our Semester One SRC team will be presented with their badges.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Kaylee Rose
Year 1	Jayden West
Year 2	Cooper Parnaby
Year 3	Zac Scott
Year 4	James Bartlett
Year 5	Ryan Anderson
Year 6	Jacob Fitzgerald

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

When: Friday 10th February 2017

Time: 9.45 am - Buses depart at 9.25 am

Travel: Makeham's Buses - Students must come to school first and not go directly to the pool

Cost: \$4.00 without season ticket or \$2.00 with season ticket

Lunch: Students may pre-order from the pool kiosk or bring lunch from home

Home Departure - Change quickly and be ready to catch the bus with your school group. If leaving early ensure Primary students sign out at the recording desk

Parents please label all items of clothing. (You would be surprised what gets left behind.)

ORDER OF EVENTS

100m freestyle	50m backstroke
50m freestyle	25m backstroke
25m freestyle	50m fly
50m breaststroke	25m fly
25m breaststroke	Individual Medley
	Relays

INFANTS WATERPLAY CARNIVAL

When: Friday 10th February 2017

Time: 12.00 md - Buses depart at 11.50 am

Travel: Makeham's Buses

Cost: \$4.00 without season ticket or \$2.00 with season ticket

Lunch: Students may pre-order from the pool kiosk or bring lunch from home

Home Departure - Change quickly and be ready to catch the bus with your school group. If leaving early ensure Infants students report to their teacher.

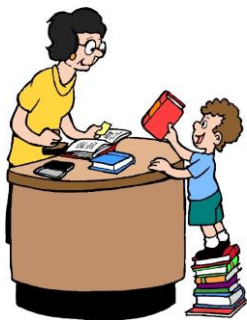
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MATHS TEXT BOOKS PAYMENT

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. Cost will be \$32 per student. **These will not be issued without payment.** Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY BORROWING COMMENCES THIS WEEK

All students will be given opportunities in class to borrow from the library this week but must bring a library bag to do so. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Library day is Tuesday. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will borrow from the library each Wednesday.



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.

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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 was sent home last week and needs to be returned as soon as possible so we have the most current information about your child to assist us if the need arises.

P&C MEETING

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 14th February at 6.00 pm in the School Library. We looking forward to seeing a number of new faces at this meeting.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen reopens today. Hopefully the canteen will operate each Monday and Wednesday this term. The canteen committee will be finalising the Term 1 volunteer roster this Wednesday. Please be mindful that this service can only continue with the terrific support of our wonderful parents, grandparents and friends who volunteer to work at the canteen.

If you have not returned your canteen assistance form yet please think about helping keep the canteen open by offering to work at least once this term. The committee carefully matches new workers with those more experienced so that you can see how things are done. This is a great way to support the school and your children love seeing you there. If you have not already done so please return your volunteer form tomorrow.

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.


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

Where students are encouraged to reach their potential.



POSITIVE LEARNING FOR BEHAVIOUR

	Gundagai Public School		
SETTING	LEARNING	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY
CANTEEN	Know your choices Control your money	Buy at correct time Buy for yourself Use manners Wait patiently	Wait in line One on step Leave area when served

	Gundagai Public School		
SETTING	LEARNING	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY
PLAYGROUND	Know the rules Encourage others Help solve problems	Play fair Share the space Follow the gym roster Return equipment quickly Care for the environment	Wear a hat Stay in bounds Use gym correctly Approved equipment only

P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to welcome back all our returning families this year and extend a warm welcome to our new families in 2017. We look forward to working with you for the benefit of our students, staff and school this year.

The first P&C meeting will be a **normal P&C meeting**. This will be held on **Tuesday 14 February at 6.00 pm** in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. For those who have not attended a P&C meeting and would like to see what the P&C does and how it operates this would be a perfect opportunity.

Our **AGM** will be held the following **Tuesday 21st February at 6.00pm**.

The role of the P&C includes offering two invaluable services to our school: the clothing pool and the canteen. Both services are run by volunteers. Clothing pool is run on a not-for-profit basis and is run purely for the benefit of our parents. Canteen operates on Mondays and Wednesdays and provides a nutritious menu for our students. All monies raised are ploughed back into the P&C fundraising account.

The third arm of the P&C involves fundraising. This involves services such as catering for cross country and athletics carnivals, an Easter Egg raffle, a street stall and various other fundraisers throughout the year. Fundraising monies are spent on valuable purchases which enhance and compliment the school's existing infrastructure. Past purchases includes Mathletics, Reading Eggs, new headphone sets for the computer room, sporting equipment, outdoor furniture for the students, furniture for the library, a chilled water bubbler, iPads and an iPad Q Cart (to house, charge and sync the iPads). Every year the P&C also pays for the bus for Year 5 and 6 to go on the major excursion. This costs approximately \$4000 and cuts the cost of the excursion dramatically for families.

All new faces are welcome at our meetings. Our meetings are informal and friendly!

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder to all parents/grandparents/carers who are interested in volunteering in the canteen all forms are due back by this Wednesday 8th February. The canteen roster will be set for the term this Friday morning, 10th February, in accordance with the number of volunteers available. Once the canteen roster is set for the term it will not be changed. Please remember to send your notes in.