



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 5 Term 1

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

Responsibility

Safety

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Gundagai Public School again contributed to the school display at the Gundagai Show held over the weekend. This year we focused on the diverse physical features of Australia 'The Lucky Country'. Congratulations to the very creative staff and students who produced such a wonderful display. Special thanks must go to Miss Somerville for coordinating this overview of our land.

At a special sports assembly last Tuesday students were presented with their ribbons, age champions were announced and Rafter was named the champion swimming house for 2017.

This Wednesday the Gundagai Public School swimming team travel to Tumut to represent our school at the Highlands District Carnival. Good luck to Claire Lindley, Annie Triggs, Deanna Smith, Halle Smart, Holly Deckers, Charlise Longhurst, James Bartlett, Cooper Bartlett, Baily Piper, Nicholas McMurray, Xavier Kingwill, William Wolfgarten, Michael French, Jack Dowell, Gus Pollack, Shaun Smith, Mia Doughty, Jayda Field, Bindi Crane, Justin Elliott, Cooper Bethune, William Murphy, Joseph Polsen, Sebastian Smith, Laci Bower, Millie Triggs, Jorja Humphreys, Indiana Cooper, Lillian Dowell, Billy Rolfe, Edward Brooke, Riley McDonald, George Tait, Ryan Saltmarsh, Alex Smith and Jacob Fitzgerald.

I look forward to hearing about the great sportsmanship and personal bests from our representatives on their return.



The P&C will be holding their AGM, followed by an ordinary meeting on Tuesday 21st February 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm at school. Please note change of time. All welcome to attend.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AND HOW TO LEARN

Gundagai Public School operates under two broad umbrellas: **Positive Behaviour for Learning** and **How to Learn**. To keep you informed about these two programs, which are making such a positive impact across our school, space will be dedicated in our weekly newsletters to provide snippets of information about these. However if you want to find out more please come and talk to me or your child's teacher or maybe ask your children. Gundagai Public School strongly believes that a common language between home and school and open and honest communication between parents and staff contribute greatly to a successful educational experience for your child.

HIGHER ORDER WAYS to LEARN

HOW2Learn is a strategy focused on building students' capacity to learn. It covers 4 broad areas.



- **Creating a culture** that enables learning to be central in all school directions and decisions.
- **Building growth mindsets** to strengthen our learning experiences.
- Developing a rich set of **lifelong learning habits**
- Developing **teaching practices** that are worthy of our time and accelerate learning for all.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning allows schools to provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments in the school setting and now underpins our school wellbeing framework. We use the skills, language and strategies of Positive Behaviour for Learning to reinforce the core values of **Learning, Responsibility and Safety** in all school settings. The approach focuses on:

- Building systems that make it easier to teach
- Encouraging pro-social behaviour
- Responding consistently and effectively to problem behaviour
- Teaching all students what is expected
- Providing academic and social support for ALL students.



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Communication between parents and the teacher is very important and contributes positively to ensure the home and school work together for the students in our care. This year all class teachers have been asked to make contact with the parents of every student in their class over the next few weeks to ensure this communication is successful and effective.

I invite all parents of Kindergarten students to parent teacher meetings with Mrs Bell on Wednesday 1st March 2017. Appointments can be made by returning the form sent home today.

Our Term One Parent Teacher Evening, for students in Years 1 to 6 is being held on Tuesday 7th March from 3.45 to 7.00 pm. These are great opportunities for you to touch base with your child's teacher and exchange information, gain a clearer understanding of class routines and discuss specific strengths and weaknesses either you or the teacher may have identified.

Appointments can be made by returning the form sent home with your children today or ringing Ms Agnew in the office. Feedback has been most positive about these meetings and I encourage parents to embrace this opportunity.

SRC News

This term, the SRC will be running different events to promote healthy eating at our school. Last week, we had our very first Pop Up Shop - Healthy Food for Healthy Harold. Students enjoyed refreshing pieces of fruit on a very hot day. We would like to thank Woolworths for their kind donation to get our campaign off to a fantastic start. This Friday, we will be running another pop up shop. Our specials this week will include:

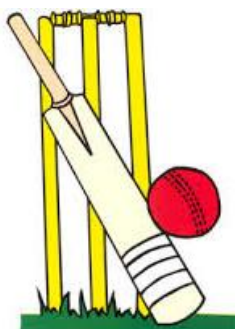


- Frozen watermelon slices for 50 cents
- Frozen pineapple pieces for 50 cents
- Celery/carrot sticks with French Onion Dip for \$1.00

These items will be on sale at Recess and only limited amounts will be available. Funds raised by the SRC this term will offset the cost of the Life Education Health and Drug Education program.



Lunchtime Cricket



During this week Mr O'Hehir will launch a lunch time 8-a side cricket competition for Stage 2 and Stage 3. This year boys and girls will have the chance to trial for rep cricket teams, so this competition is a good chance for students to develop their skills in a fun and exciting environment. The competition will run for 3-4 weeks and at the end there will be a Stage 2 and a Stage 3 playoff to decide the school champions.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT.

Swimming for sport continues this Friday, 24th February for Years 3-6 students

Last Friday a large number of students did not bring swimmers and had to be supervised at school. This causes problems due to our limited staff remaining at school. This Friday students are expected to bring their swimmers. Those who forget will be working quietly in the library on worksheets set by their class teacher. Thank you for helping us with this matter.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Brayden Bell
Year 1	Ruby Turner
Year 2	Eadyn Lindley
Year 3	Jessica Fitzgerald
Year 4	Claire McGregor
Year 5	William Murphy
Year 6	Alex Smith

LIBRARY BORROWING

Library borrowing commences this week. For your child to borrow they will require a library bag.

- Borrowing day for Kindergarten, is **Monday**.
- Borrowing day for Year 1 and Year 2 is **Tuesday**.
- Borrowing day for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 is **Wednesday**.



P&C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2017

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Monday 20 February	Wednesday 22 February
Week 5	Kate Lenehan Sarah Triggs Skye Shannon	Kristy Murdoch Sisie Murdoch
	Monday 27 February	Wednesday 1 March
Week 6	Cathy Polsen Rebecca Britt Erin Smart	Meredith Tait Tina Casey Kristy Krause

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.

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.)**

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Gundagai Public offers an attractive, happy, safe and supportive environment for its students. The school serves the residents of Gundagai, a number of nearby rural villages and the surrounding farming community.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Education Reform Act requires students to attend school every day that the school is open. Try and arrange appointments, tuition and family business outside school hours.

If your child is absent they must provide a reason for their absence.

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 any time 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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The clothing pool is trying to restock its second hand uniform supply and is seeking your support in donating any school uniforms/ sports uniforms/ jumpers /shirts to the clothing pool. Any second hand clothing that is taking up space in your cupboards and wardrobes would be greatly appreciated. Please drop any pre-loved clothing to the office so it can be resold. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you