



Learning

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is really pleasing to see the positive engagement to learning across all classes in the school from our new Kindergarten students to our senior students in Year 6. Parents are also demonstrating a positive interest in their children's learning and it is wonderful to see a number of new faces at our P&C meetings. Staff are most appreciative that so many of you have already introduced yourself to your children's class teachers, worked with our Learning and Support Teacher Mrs Elphick or contacted me around a variety of ways we can further support your children.

Over the next two weeks our Parent Teacher meetings will further consolidate this partnership. The school extends a warm welcome to all parents who are taking the time to attend our Kindergarten Best Start initial meetings this week and our Year 1 to 6 parents, who will attend an information evening next Tuesday to meet their child's teacher and find out about happenings in our classrooms.

These are wonderful opportunities for parents to meet one on one with teachers to discuss their child's progress. Supporting your child reach their full potential is paramount at Gundagai Public and the insights gained during these meetings benefits both parents and classroom teachers reaching this goal.



Kindergarten students enjoyed a visit from the transition to school mascot Gundy Bunyip last Wednesday.



Gundagai Public School operates under two broad umbrellas: Positive Behaviour for Learning and How to Learn. To provide a better understanding of these two programs, which are making such a positive impact across our school, I encourage you to read about the programs provided in this newsletter and take the time to ask your children to discuss them with you. These two programs will also be discussed at our parent information sessions, so please come along with as many questions about them as you like.

Every Child Every Opportunity Every Day

HONOUR BOARD

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Kaylee Rose, Grace Wheaton, Jacob Smart and PBL Award Dane Smart	Kinder	Torri Moy
Year 1	Michael Fitzgerald, Sybil Triggs, Joey Polsen, Jordi-Lea Annetts and PBL Award Jack Lindley	Year 1	Alexander Merrin
Year 2	Cain Turner, Cooper Parnaby, Rylee Robb and PBL Award Deagan McKechnie	Year 2	Jimmy Smith
Year 3	Jazmyn Deckers, Jessica Fitzgerald, Logan Jones, Sam Britt, Xavier Kingwill and PBL Award Elena Loukissas	Year 3	Chevy Ward
Year 4	Bailey Piper, James Bartlett, Bailey Clark, Holly Deckers and PBL Award Amity Robb	Year 4	Jorja Lenehan
Year 5	Noel French, Joseph Polsen, Madison Smith, Jayda Field, Adam Moy and PBL Award Kayne Worldon	Year 5	Jayda Field
Year 6	Sidney Cotterill, Seth Jones, Laura Daley, Lilly Dowell and PBL Award Jorja Humphreys	Year 6	Laci Bower

GUNDY GREAT AWARD *Proudly sponsored by AGstock*

Xavier Kingwill for being a diligent and responsible school citizen

HIGHLANDS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Gundagai Public School was well represented at the Highlands District Swimming Carnival held in Tumut last Tuesday with 33 enthusiastic swimmers from our school competing. Once again students demonstrated positive sportsmanship with a competitive attitude.

Congratulations to Indiana Cooper, James Bartlett, Jack Dowell, Xavier Kingwill and Baily Piper who will now compete at the Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury on Monday 13th March 2017.



A huge thank you has to go out for the parents and carers who were able to transport students to and from Tumut, and provide a fantastic support base for the students on the day.

Best of luck to those who are heading to Albury!



SWIMMING FOR SPORT

This Friday is our last swimming for sport this term. It is hoped all primary students can participate in this final week.



PSSA RIVERINA CRICKET

Alex and Shaun Smith were outstanding school ambassadors when they travelled to Deniliquin in the second round of PSSA cricket selection trials. Both boys impressed selectors and from the 50 boys who reached this level, Alex was named in the final squad of 24 players.

Alex will now attend two training sessions in Albury before heading to Barooga in October, where the Riverina side will be selected. Congratulations Alex.



CANTEEN CLOSURE

This is the last week the school canteen will operate this term. As expressed in previous newsletters it is impossible to continue to run this service with a skeleton group of volunteers.

Since this announcement a number of suggestions have been put forward to keep the canteen open. These will all be reviewed by the canteen committee and presented at the next P & C meeting on Thursday 16th March at 7.00 pm.

Attached to this newsletter is a request for canteen volunteers for Term 2. If you are able to help please return the form by Wednesday 15th March. From this response a better indication of how the canteen will operate next term will be gauged.

SRC News

Pop Up Shop – Healthy Food for Healthy Harold. This Friday, we will be running another pop up shop. Our specials this week will include:

- watermelon slices for 50 cents
- yoghurt with strawberries for \$1.00

These items will be on sale at Recess and only limited amounts will be available.



LIBRARY BORROWING

For your child to borrow they will require a library bag. Borrowing days are:

- **Monday** - Kindergarten
- **Tuesday** - Year 1 and Year 2
- **Wednesday** - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

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 Lilly Dowell and Alex Smith.

STUDENT ABSENCES

The Home School Liaison Officer, Jason Wilesmith, visited our school last week to check student attendance records. Jason highlighted the need for parents to be aware of the procedures required if taking children out of school on holidays.

1. Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods WILL BE included as absences.
2. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, the following considerations apply:
 - Families must apply for leave BEFORE going on holiday.
 - If the Principal accepts the reason for the absence, the leave is marked as “L” and a certificate of Extended Leave – holiday is issued.
 - If the Principal does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as “A” and a Certificate of Extended Leave will not be issued.
 - Leave applied for after returning from holidays cannot be granted.
3. Extended Holiday application forms are available from the office.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1 March

Kinder Best Start Interviews
Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 3 March

Clean up Schools Day
Swimming for Sport

Tuesday 7 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 9 March

School Assembly Year 2

Friday 10 March

Highlands Soccer Trails

Monday 13 March

Riverina Swimming Carnival

Thursday 16 March

NRL come try day

Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day

Tuesday 21-Thursday 23

Life Education Van

Thursday 23 March

Riverina Football
School Assembly Year 4

Wednesday 29 March

School Cross Country

Tuesday 4 April

Highlands League and Netball
Trials in Tumut

Thursday 6 April

Wellbeing Assembly



Information Evening for Year 7 2018 14 March 2017 6PM

Dear Year 5 & 6 Students and Parents/Carers

You are warmly invited to the Information Evening for Year 7 2018, to be held on Tuesday 14 March at 6pm in the MPC at Gundagai High School.

This marks the beginning of the transition to high school for Year 6 students and this event provides you with an opportunity to hear all about the great opportunities available to our students.

Year 5 students and their families are more than welcome to also join us and meet our teachers and be part of our school community.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Adelia Fuller
Principal



CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY

This Friday we will be holding our Schools Clean Up day as part of the annual Clean Up Australia program. Although we have a relatively small amount of litter around our school it is important for students to be involved in community activities that encourage caring for the environment. Students will spend a small part of Friday cleaning up the school grounds or streets that adjoin our school. A pair of sturdy gloves will prove useful accessories. K-2 students will clean up the school grounds. Years 3 to 6 students will clean up the grounds surrounding the school and students will need to return the permission note handed out by their class teacher.

P&C NEWS

The P&C held its Annual General Meeting last Thursday evening, 21st February 2017. Thank you to all of those who attended and thank you to those who took on a position on the committee.

The P & C Committee for 2017 is:

President: Meredith Tait

Vice President: Fiona Wolfgarten

Secretary: Kelly Robb

Treasurer: Kate Lenehan

Canteen Co-ordinator: Nicole Wescombe

Canteen Treasurer: Kylie O'Neill

Fundraising Sub-Committee: Jennifer Shaw (Catering Co-ordinator), Kylie O'Neill, Kristen Bartlett, Loren Rose and Nicole Wescombe

Clothing Pool Co-ordinator: Kelly Robb

Clothing Pool Treasurer: Meredith Tait

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all outgoing Committee Members for their efforts in the past and to welcome aboard all new Committee Members. We look forward to working together to continue to provide some wonderful services and opportunities for our children.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to those who volunteered to help on the Canteen for Term 1.

Please note the canteen will be CLOSED from week 7 onwards this term (beginning Monday 6th March). The canteen will open again in Term 2.

Following discussion at the most recent P&C meeting the P&C would like to check availability of parents/grandparents/carers/friends to work on Fridays in Term 2.

We would also like to compile a "stand by" list of emergency canteen volunteers for those times when a canteen worker is unable to come at the last minute. If you are happy to be on the Emergency Contact Canteen Volunteer list please indicate this on the Canteen Volunteer form.

If you would like to volunteer to work in the canteen for Term 2 please fill out the attached Canteen Volunteer form and return it to school by WEDNESDAY 15th March.

The canteen roster for Term 2 will be compiled this day and presented to the next P&C meeting the next night (Thursday 16th March). Once the roster is set it will not change so please remember to send your notes in.

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 ROSTER

Week 6	Monday 27 February	Wednesday 1 March
	Cathy Polsen, Rebecca Britt and Erin Smart	Meredith Tait, Tina Casey and Kristy Krause

HIGHER ORDER WAYS to LEARN

Comparing fixed and growth mindsets

Individuals with a fixed mindset believe that their intelligence is simply an inborn trait – they have a certain amount, and that's that. In contrast, individuals with a growth mindset believe that they can develop their intelligence over time. The diagram below summarises the attributes of each mindset.

Fixed mindset	Growth mindset
	
Intelligence is static Learning is limited A bucket can be filled – it is self-limiting	Intelligence can be developed Learning is boundless and like a muscle – it continues to strengthen the more it is used
Beliefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intelligence and ability are fixed Nature determines intelligence and ability I will always be good at some things and poor at others. 	Beliefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intelligence and ability can grow Nurture determines intelligence and ability more than nature If I apply myself more, seek help, take risks, change my strategy, then I've got a good chance of learning anything.
Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I need to prove myself I like to succeed, especially with little effort, as this proves I am clever I try to avoid failure of any sort. 	Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I try to improve myself I learn through challenges, as this will help me to grow my talents I seek interesting challenges that will stretch and help me to learn.
Responses to challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blame myself or, to protect my ego, blame someone else Feel inferior or incapable Try guessing answers or copying others Seek ego-boosting distractions. 	Responses to challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no blame – I just want to know how to do it better next time Feel inspired to have a go Try various problem-solving strategies Seek advice, support on new strategies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mottos Either you're good at something or you're not If you're really good at something, you shouldn't need to try If you have to try, you must be stupid Don't try too hard; that way you've got an excuse if things go wrong No pain, no pain! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mottos Success comes with application No matter how good you are at something, you can always improve If you have to try, you must be learning Always try; that way you have more chance of success and making progress No pain, no gain!
Bucket Mindset	Muscle Mindset



Positive Behaviour for Learning



SETTING	LEARNING	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY
ALL SETTINGS	Be on time Be organised Participate Do your best Return to class quickly	Wear School uniform Listen to the speaker Follow instructions Use polite language Use rubbish bins	Hands and feet to yourself
WALKWAYS		Stay on path Keep left Move quietly	Walk
COLA		Stay seated when eating Share the space Play fair	Walk Stay in bounds Approved equipment only
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 equipment correctly
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
TOILETS	Use the toilets during breaks	Be sensible Allow privacy Keep area clean	Be hygienic Leave when finished
AFTERNOON BUS	Know your routine	Stay seated Wait sensibly Listen to the teacher	Walk Leave with an adult
MORNING ASSEMBLY	Act on messages	Line up correctly Listen to the messages Turn quietly	Walk
HALL ASSEMBLY	Stay focused	Enter and exit quietly Sit in correct way Listen to the speaker	Walk Move carefully

