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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school extends a warm welcome to all parents who are taking the time to attend our information evening tomorrow and meet their child's teacher and find out about happenings in our classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet one on one with teachers to discuss their child's progress. Last week Kindergarten parents met with class teacher Mrs Bell to discuss how their children are settling into school life, how literacy and numeracy is delivered in Term 1 and how parents can further support their children in the learning process. It was wonderful to see such a positive response to this opportunity and I am very grateful to work in such a positive learning community where we all work together for the children in our school.



Last Friday Gundagai Public School joined 2,500 schools across Australia to remove rubbish from the environment when they participated in Schools Clean Up Day. Each year students from our school take the opportunity to thoroughly clean up our playground and surrounding streets and park. The students do a fantastic job but the best news is that this year there was very little rubbish to pick up. This means we are all doing a great job keeping our environment clean and ensuring that we clean up Australia every day

The first Strategic Direction in the Gundagai Public School Plan is centred on Student Achievement and Engagement. The purpose of this Direction is to ensure all students are actively engaged in meaningful, challenging and future

focused learning experiences which motivate all to reach their full potential.

Year One students exemplify this in their weekly Science lessons where they are currently undertaking the unit *The Schoolyard Safari*. By observing the features and behaviour of small animals, students glimpse the diversity of animal life. By focussing on the external features of small animals the students gain a better understanding of how their features help them survive in their habitats. In last week's lesson Year One were asked to identify features of earthworms that allow them to breathe, feed, move and protect themselves underground. As you can see they are totally engaged.



Focus on...

The Big Book of Buddy Tales



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Maya Morris
Year 1	Sophie Jones
Year 2	Leah Lyall
Year 3	Nicholas Brown
Year 4	William Wolfgarten
Year 5	Jhett Stanford
Year 6	Sidney Cotterill

LIBRARY BORROWING HAS CHANGED

Thank you for your patience as we finalise borrowing days. Final borrowing timetable for Term 1 is as follows:

Monday – Kinder and Year 5

Tuesday - Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday - Year 3, Year 4 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 Indiana Cooper and George Tait.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL

Last Wednesday everyone who was on school grounds participated in an school emergency evacuation drill. These drills are conducted once each semester to ensure everyone is aware of the procedures to be followed in case of an evacuation.

Please familiarise yourself with these procedures in the unlikely event of an evacuation occurring whilst you are in the school. A more detailed plan can be obtained from the office if requested.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Evacuation Procedure

2 minutes

1	The signal for an evacuation is the continuous ring of the bell
2	Your TEACHER will accompany you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave this block through the Safest exit Assemble in class lines on the School oval
3	A roll will be taken outside

Lockdown

Continual bursts – 2 minutes

- Students move to closest block under teacher supervision
- Staff closest to all external exits to lock and then get out of sight
- Staff in classrooms to ensure:
 - Windows and classroom doors are closed and locked
 - Students are to sit on the floor out of sight
- Staff to conduct and record a student roll call. If possible, contact officer/Principal of any missing students.
- Maintain security until an 'all clear' siren is resounded for 20 seconds
- Staff to notify Principal of missing students.

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT ~ Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd March 2017

Healthy Harold is coming to visit. It has been a number of years since the Life Education Van has been to our school and it is great to have this program back to support what is covered in PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education).

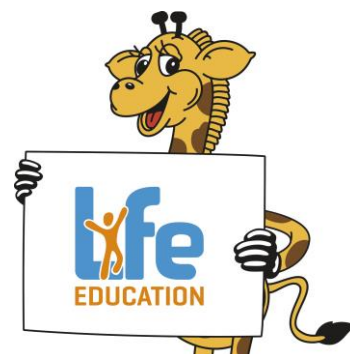
The Life Education Program is a broadly focused health and drug education program delivered in preschools and schools across Australia.

Highly interactive and engaging sessions are delivered to the students by special trained educators who ensure that all messages are age-appropriate, relevant and enhance and support the messages taught in Australian schools. The classroom teachers are provided with resources relating to the modules covered so they can deliver follow up activities.

The cost of this program is \$10.00 per child. I am very proud of our school Student Representative Council for their fundraising efforts this term to subsidise this program. Through the SRC's Pop Up Healthy recess and lunch initiatives they will be paying half of each students cost. This means it will now only cost \$5.00 for each student to visit the Life Education Van. A detailed note about this will be sent home with your child this week.

SRC News ~ Healthy Lunch for Healthy Harold

The SRC will be holding a special Healthy Lunch for Healthy Harold this Friday, 10 March 2017. Ham and Salad Wraps will be sold for \$4.00 each. A meal deal (Ham and Salad Wrap and a Popper) will be \$5.00 each. Wraps need to be pre-ordered and must be to the office with payment by Wednesday, 8 March 2017.



Please remember that the canteen is closed for the remainder of this term

SPORT NEWS

PSSA HIGHLANDS SOCCER TRIALS

The PSSA Highlands Soccer Trials are being held in Tumut this Friday, 10th March. Good luck to....

PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT

The first round of the girls and boys knockout competition will be played in Gundagai next Wednesday 15th March against Murrumburrah Public School. Representing Gundagai Public are the following students:

Girls Cricket Team: Laci Bower, Indiana Cooper, Millie Triggs, Madison Smith, Jayelle Britt, Jazmin Morton-Manwaring, Jorja Humphreys, Zoey Anderson, Mia Doughty, Lilly Dowell, Bindi Crane, Laura Daley

Boys Cricket Team: William Murphy, Shaun Smith, Alex Smith, Jacob Fitzgerald, Edward Brooke, Zac Lyall, Riley McDonald, George Tait, Ryan Saltmarsh, Joseph Polsen and Justin Elliott.

LUNCHTIME CRICKET COMPETITION

The Stage 2 and Stage 3 lunch time cricket competitions have got off to a great start last week. The Stage 2 competition kicked off with the Renegades getting the win over the Thunder 31-17. The strikes started off their Stage 3 competition with a close win over The Hurricanes 33-27. A few standout performers were Zac Scott (Stage 2) with 16 runs, Laci Bower and Alex Smith (Stage 3) with 12 runs.

NRL COME AND TRY DAY

On Thursday 16th March all primary students will be participating in an NRL 'Come and Try' Day to be held at Stan Crowe Oval. The day is organised by NSW Country Rugby League. A detailed note will be sent home this week.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers Reading Challenge starts today and we are encouraging all students to get involved. It would be much appreciated if parents could support this program at home by encouraging their children to read. A detailed note is being sent home today outlining how the program works. Alternatively you can find out more from your child's teacher or Mrs Craig who co-ordinates this program from the library.

P&C NEWS

Reminder Canteen Shut - Just a quick reminder that the canteen will not be operating for the remainder of the term 1. Please do not send your children in with lunch orders.

Reminder: Canteen Volunteer Notes due in by Wednesday 15th March. Last week Canteen Volunteer Notes for Term 2 were sent home with the newsletter (a yellow sheet). This is a friendly reminder that these forms are due in by WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH. The roster for Term 2 will be set following this cut-off date and will not be altered so please remember to send in your notes if you can spare a day to work in the canteen in **TERM 2**.

Easter Egg Raffle

It's nearly Easter again and the P&C Fundraising Sub Committee are organising our annual Easter Egg Raffle. For those of you who are new to the school this involves selling raffle tickets and asking students to bring in donations of eggs/bunnies to make up our prizes. The school will have a designated uniform-free day when the children will be asked to bring in egg/bunny donations. This day will be advised shortly.

This is an easy fundraiser for everyone and the children love it. Last year we had over 40 prizes! Attached to this newsletter are the raffle tickets. Booklets are worth \$20 each. Each ticket is \$2 each (we are using both sides of the tickets). The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April following the Term 1 Assembly (the last Thursday of Term 1).

Please have all **raffle tickets in by Friday 24th March 2017.**

We are also asking all families to return or donate any baskets they may have. Baskets can be left at the Office.



MOUTHGUARDS FOR SPORT

Gundagai Dental Clinic's mouthguard technician, Gary Barutzki, will again be visiting Gundagai Public School during recess on Thursday 23rd March to take mouthguard impressions for those players who require them for sport this year. Forms are available from the school office. All enquires please call the Dental Clinic on 6944 1126.

