

## **Gundagai Public School**

## **NEWSLETTER**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Newsletter No. 3 Week 4 Term 1

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

Responsibility

Safety

Gundagai Public School again contributed to the school display at the Gundagai Show held over the weekend. This year our display focused on showcasing the diverse artist talents of our students and all students contributed in some way to this display



Congratulations to the very creative staff and students who produced such a wonderful display. Special thanks must go to Miss French and Mrs Bell for coordinating the display and creating the very bright and colourful finished product.

It is really pleasing to see the positive engagement to learning from our new Kindergarten students to our senior students in Year 6 and today our Literacy and Numeracy groups begin across the school. This innovative model sees 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. This model was implemented last year and is proving so successful in accelerating the Literacy and Numeracy skills of all our students.

To find out more about how this model is being implemented in your child's classroom you are encouraged to attend our initial Parent Teacher meetings. The school extends a warm welcome to all parents who are taking the time to attend our Kindergarten Best Start initial meetings being held over this two week period and to our Year 1 to 6 parents, who will attend an information evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 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.

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#### **SRC - SEMESTER 1**

Semester One Student Representative Council members were announced this week. Congratulations to the student body for electing such a responsible group of students to represent all the students of Gundagai Public School.



Our Semester One SRC Representatives are: Nicholas McMurray, Olivia Calvert, Abe Cotterill, Deanna Smith, Chloe Ryan, Riley Elliott, Zoe Smart, Holly Deckers, Kaylee Rose, Ollie Amos, Ruby Turner, Jazmin Bell, Rhys Coulton-Wescombe, Evie Jones and Xanthe Shannon

#### SWIMMING PRESENTATION

After a very successful school swimming carnival students were presented with their ribbons at special sports assembly last Wednesday.

Rafter was announced the champion swimming house for 2019 and House Captains Gus Pollack and Matilda Marshall accepted the Trophy for Rafter.

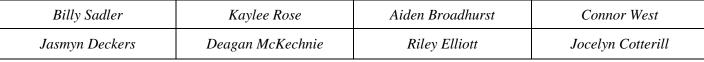
We wish all students who have qualified for the Highlands Carnival on Friday 1st March the very best.





A special congratulations must also go to our 2019 age champions Claire Lindley and Archie Wheaton (11 Year Champions) Halle Smart and James Bartlett (Senior Champions) Zoe Smart and Jack Lindley (Junior champions)







Our first School Assembly for 2019 will be held this Thursday at 12:40pm in the school hall. Parents and friends are very welcome. Year 6 will be hosting this assembly.

#### **CONSTRUCTION - OUR NEW FENCE**

You have probably noticed an awful lot of construction work happening around our school at the moment. Work is underway to construct a new security fence around the school, in line with so many other school across the state. Thank you for your understanding during this time and apologies for any inconvenience it may cause. The new fence will be finished by the end of term and our grounds will again look neat and welcoming, something we so much are used to, appreciate and value at this school.

#### **SWIMMING FOR SPORT - YEARS 3 to 6**

For the next three Fridays sport for Years 3-6 students will be conducted at the Gundagai Swimming Pool. Consolidation of swimming skills from our intensive swimming program and preparation for the Highlands Carnival will be



the focus of the program. Children are not allowed to stay at the pool after sport and are reminded to bring their swimmers and towel on these days.

#### **TEXT BOOKS PAYMENT**

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

As our Numeracy groups begin today all students need to have access to these textbooks. Cost will be \$30 per student and these will not be issued without payment. Thank you for your support.



#### LIBRARY BORROWING HAS COMMENCED

The Library is open second half of lunch Monday to Thursday and students are most welcome to borrow from the library in these periods.

They will also be given opportunities in class to

borrow from the library during their weekly library lessons.

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Kindergarten	Year 6	Year 1
Year 3	Year 4	Year 2
	Year 5	

Please remember students must bring a library bag if they wish to borrow.

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

At Gundagai Public School, we have placed an even greater emphasis on technology this year and have created an online learning platform for students to interact with each other and their teachers and for parents to use this to be more engaged in their child's learning. Over the coming weeks we will provide detailed information on how this model will look.

Today in Literacy groups our students have been introduced to our new online spelling program, **SOUNDWAVES.** This is a new and innovative way to deliver spelling to our students and allows you access to their weekly spelling words and some related activities if you want to support your child at home.

For a look at the program go to <a href="https://www.soundwaveskids.com.au">www.soundwaveskids.com.au</a> and ask your child for the access code they were given today.

Every literacy group is focussing on Unit 2 (b sound) this week.

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten	Lily-Rose Mooney
Year 1	Lewis Jeffery
Year 2	Kaylee Rose
Year 3	Craig Bond
Year 4	Jimmy Smith
Year 5	Logan Jones
Year 6	Jorja Lenehan

#### FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY

We are excited to be hosting our first assembly for the year this Thursday.

School assembles are held every second Thursday in the school hall commencing at 12:40pm.

A different class has the responsibility for hosting these assemblies and the Semester One roster for this very exciting responsibility is:

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TERM ONE		
Year 6 (week 4) `	Year 5 (week 6) Year 2(week 8)	
TERM TWO		
Year 4(week 2) Y	'ear 1 (week 4) Year 3 (week6)	
Kindergarten (we	eek 8)	

Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

# The P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting, followed by an ordinary meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019, commencing at 7.00 pm at school.

Please come along and get involved in your school. We need you. More voices means more ideas. More hands means less work. You will not have to take on any role that requires commitment. If you have never been part of the P&C before please think about coming along.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop 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 visit 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.

At Gundagai Public we take pride in wearing the correct school uniform every day. This is a focus of our school and your support with this is valued.

#### **CANTEEN**

Thank you so much to our wonderful committee for getting the canteen up and running again for 2019. Also a huge thank you to every one who has volunteered to help on the canteen this term. It can't operate without you. Our canteen operates each Monday and Friday.

Week	Monday 18 February	Friday 22 February
Week 4	Viv Lindley Loren Rose	Skye Shannon Melissa Merrin
Week	Monday 25 February	Friday 1 March

### **GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL COLOUR RUN**

Gundagai Public School P&C will be holding a COLOUR FUN RUN on SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH in the school grounds.

This will be our major fundraiser for the year and it is hoped all families will be able to support this event in some way.

We are very excited to offer such a fun event for our students. We hope other families in Gundagai will also attend. Full details will be sent home this week.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	WHO	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	NOTES / MONEY DUE
Best Start Interviews	Kindergarten parents	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	-	If you haven't made an appointment please do so
Swimming for Sport	Year 3 to 6	Each Friday – last day 8 <sup>th</sup> March	-	All students have paid
School Assembly – Hosted by Year 6	Whole School	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February at 12:40pm	-	-
P&C Meeting	All welcome	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm	-	-
Highlands Swimming Carnival	Selected Students	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Clean-Up Schools Day	Whole School	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	-	

## 2019 Canteen Roster Term 1

#### Please Note:

- > If you are unable to fill your position please contact the school.
- Advance notice would be greatly appreciated.

Week 1	Monday 28th January	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February
	CLOSED	CLOSED
Week 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
	CLOSED	CLOSED
Week 3	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
	CLOSED	Erin Smart Elicia Bond
Week 4	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
	Viv Lindley Loren Rose	Skye Shannon Melissa Merrin
Week 5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 1st March
	Tina Casey Kate & Julie Worldon	Jaymi Kendall Hayley Monte
Week 6	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
	Cassie Clout Jess Casnave	Kim Pollack Jessica Smith Kelly Smith
Week 7	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
	Elicia Bond Arek Romancewicz	Viv & Dan Lindley
Week 8	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Amy Turner Loren Rose	Erin Smart Jaymi Kendall
Week 9	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
	Jess Casnave Kate & Julie Worldon	Volunteers required
Week 10	Monday 1st April	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
	Volunteers required	Skye Shannon Melissa Merrin Kelly Smith
Week 11	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
	Loren Rose Cassie Clout	Elicia Bond Tina Casey Miriam Crane (12-1)

Please be at the Canteen at 10:00 am to start.