



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 2 June 2025
Newsletter No. 14
Week 6 Term 2
Principal: Mr Jesse Wheaton

Learning

Responsibility

Safety

HONOURING OUR YOUNG WRITERS AND OUR ANZACS



Last Thursday we welcomed Mr Michael McCormack, Federal Member for Riverina, to Gundagai Public School to celebrate our students' involvement in the 15th Annual ANZAC Writing Competition.

Mr McCormack spoke about the importance of remembering the bravery and sacrifice of our ANZACs and shared how deeply moved he was by the heartfelt entries submitted by students across the region.

A huge congratulations to all of our participants, and a special mention to Lily-Rose Mooney, who was awarded a book prize and had her writing published in this year's ANZAC Day commemorative booklet – an outstanding achievement!

Thank you, Mr McCormack, for recognising and celebrating the voices of young Australians and for taking the time to visit our school today.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK AT GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements—and to reflect on how we can contribute to building a more united future. This year's theme, "Now More Than Ever," invites us to strengthen the bridge from now to next.

As part of our learning, Year 1 had a special visit from Uncle Pete, who shared his cultural knowledge and storytelling skills with our students. Uncle Pete read *Somebody's Land* by Adam Goodes, opening a thoughtful discussion about reconciliation and the importance of recognising and respecting Aboriginal culture and connection to Country.

He taught the children about Aboriginal symbols, explaining their meanings and how they're used in traditional storytelling. Students will be using these symbols in their own creative writing later this year!

Uncle Pete also demonstrated how to draw native animals found on Wiradjuri Country, inspiring students to begin their own artworks, blending animal illustrations with cultural symbols.

We proudly shared our new Acknowledgment of Country, and to close the visit, Uncle Pete painted the children with traditional ochre, explaining its ceremonial significance and connection to the bora rings once used here in Gundagai.

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Kinder H	Jasper Field
Kinder M	Wyatt Waddell
Year 1	Oscar McGrath
Year 2	Hudson Makeham
Year 3	Ayvah Smart
Year 4	Jake Bye
Year 5	Ruby-Rose Field
Year 6	Mia Polsen

ASSEMBLY

HOSTED BY YEAR 4

Where: GPS Hall
When: Thursday 5 June
2:30pm

All welcome to attend

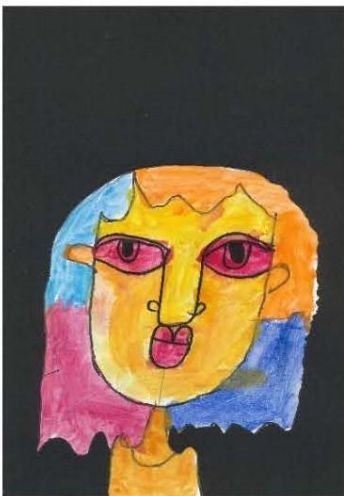
P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting is on **tonight, Monday 2 June, at 6:00pm in the school staff room.** Everyone is welcome to come along!

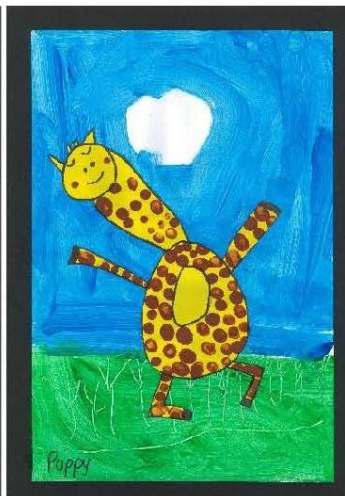
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Jayden Smart, Ryan Rose, Amayah Bell, Jake Bye, Jax Smart, Juliet Kerr, Ivy Morris, Susie Kerr, Delilah Lyons, Jakeb Bell, Jimmy Robinson, Charlotte Wedlake, Alex McGregor, Summer Clout, Evelyn Romancewicz, Xavier Hutton, Vann Reichel, McKayley Rainbow, Elsie-Mae Mooney, Miyuki Bugg, Josie Waddell, Beau Smart who have completed the challenge for 2025.

FOYER ART - MAY



Lola Mason
Kinder H



Poppy Williams
Kinder M



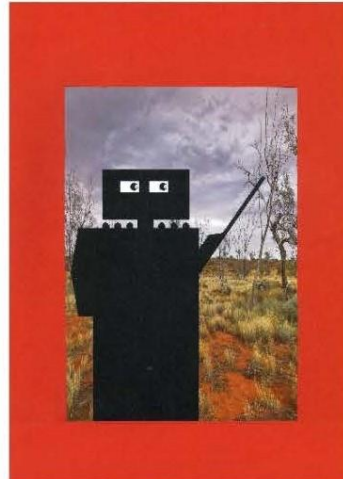
Oscar McGrath
Year One



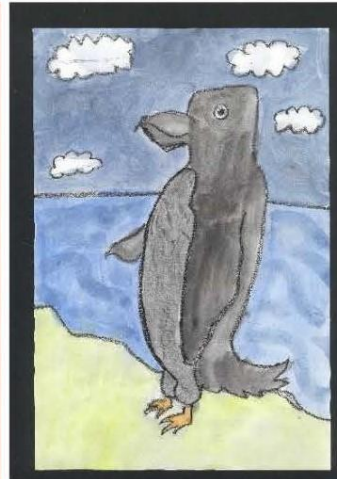
Zac Clemmensen
Year Two



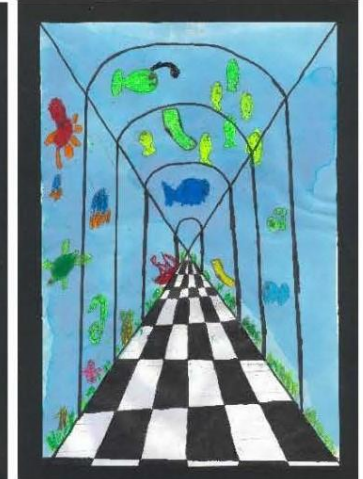
CJ Pigram
Year Three



Miyuki Bugg
Year Four



McKayley Rainbow
Year Five



Josh Potbury
Year Six