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Term 4 – Week 9

Monday, 2 December

A reminder that parents are always welcome in the school whether to assist with school programs or to speak with teachers. If you would like to know how to best assist your child's education just contact the teacher of your choice or the school office on 63741622.

This Week

Rugby League clinics and Gala Day Friday
P&C Xmas Dinner Wednesday December 4th

Xmas Disco Thursday December 5th – 6.30pm – 8.30pm \$3

CLC Awards Dinner Friday December 6th



Coming Up

Year 6 Farewell December 12th

Presentation Day December 17th

Last day of Term 4 Wednesday December 18th – also

Pool Party Day

First Day back in 2014 Wednesday January 29th

Kindergarten first day Monday- February 3rd 2014

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Principal's Message

Congratulations

To: The Public Speaking Team of Hollie Smith, Jayden Pepper and Lucy Thomas for their marvellous efforts in the Roger Wotton Public Speaking Competition.

All three speakers were outstanding in their delivery. Gulgong Public School has not won the individual Roger Wotton Trophy since John Beaumont in 1997 and this year Jayden Pepper was successful – a marvellous effort!

Thank You

To: Students, staff & parents for work on our Annual Swim School. Many thanks to Organiser Mrs Birchall and instructors Tiffany Girlich, Lisa McPhail, Abbie Muscat and Renice Freestone. Many thanks to Mary Freestone and the pool staff for support of our program.



Industrial Action

The Teachers Federation is holding a Sky Channel meeting on Tuesday 3rd December from 9.00am – 11.00am to discuss a recommendation for a new Salaries and Conditions Award for teachers.

Members of staff from Gulgong Public School will be attending the meeting. The school will be open from 9.00am and minimal supervision will be provided for students attending between 9.00am and 11.00am.

All students are asked to be at school by 11.00am when normal classes will start. Once students arrive at school they will stay for the day. Canteen lunches may be ordered between 9 and 10am.

I regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Brian Cooke Update

Brian is fighting yet another infection but continues to soldier on. Mrs Cooke was home for a brief visit and she expresses her sincere gratitude for all the marvellous messages of support and best wishes she is receiving.

Ten Dollar Circus

The Ten Dollar Circus has been booked for a variety of jobs coming up. I appreciate the support parents give to this program in our school and say thank you for getting your children to our gigs.

Coming up:

- *Saturday December 21 – Gulgong Christmas Party in ANZAC Park from 5.00pm*
- *Saturday Sunday December 28-29 Folk Festival TBA*

Notes with specific details about these events have sent home. Many thanks in anticipation of your support in getting your children along to these events, especially on the weekends.

Presentation Day

This year's Presentation Day will be held in the high school gym and will be one event, K-6. Estimated duration is around 90 -120 minutes and we will commence around 11.00am.

Attendance

We are seeking a 100% attendance record from all students this term. Please help to give your child every chance for educational success by ensuring that they attend every day possible.

If your child is sick or you have a compelling family reason for them to miss school, please provide an explanatory note within three days.

Enrolments for 2014

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2014 are now available at the school office.

Enrolment with our school for 2014 in any grade from Kindergarten to Year 6 can be made at the school office at any time. Please contact the school office on 63741622 if more information about our school is required.

If you know of anyone thinking about enrolling at our school or leaving our school please encourage them to contact us ASAP so our planning can be more effective.



P&C News

P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Staffroom.

The next meeting is our Christmas Meeting which is 6.00 pm, Wednesday 4th at the Gulgong Bowling Club. Children welcome to attend.

The minutes of meetings are available for download from the school website.

All parents are welcome to attend P&C meetings and to contact the committee on matters to do with the school.

Canteen

The Canteen operates on a volunteer basis under Manager Julie Shearer. More volunteers are always sought. If you can spare any time to help in the canteen just contact Julie on 6374 1060. You can also just walk in and make yourself known at any time.

School Web Site

The Gulgong Public School Web Site is at the following address:

www.gulgong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please feel free to visit the site for information and photos of activities going on in our school for and with your children.



Alan Walker

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas in the

Churches

On Thursday 12th December 2013, students from K-6 will participate in their final Scripture event for the year with interdenominational Christmas services held at the various churches in Gulgong (Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian).

Students whose parents/carers have listed the above denominations will attend the Christmas service at that Church. Please note students who have nominated Uniting Church will attend the Presbyterian Church.

Those students whose parents have not listed a preferred denomination and who attend Scripture regularly will be divided between the three Churches holding services.

The Christmas services are to celebrate the Christmas season and will not involve other religious doctrine. If you have concerns where your student will attend the Christmas service please contact the school.

Non Scripture students will remain at school with a supervising teacher.



THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE: **RELIABILITY**

What is Reliability?

Reliability means that others can depend on you to keep your commitments. Reliability is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you practice reliability, you really care about doing what you said you would do. Other people can relax knowing it is in your reliable hands.

Why Practice It?

When people are unreliable, others can't trust them to keep their promises. If airplanes, trains or buses are late, passengers can miss important appointments. If someone keeps forgetting to do what they said they would do, they let people down. When you are reliable, people can trust you to show up on time, be where you promised to be, to put tools away, to get the job done.

How Do You Practice It?

You practice reliability by making agreements you can keep. Then do everything in your power to do what you agreed to do. Give your best effort to every job, and take your responsibilities seriously. Plan ahead and leave enough time to finish what you start. If problems arise, find another way. Return what you borrow. Most of all keep your word.

Affirmation

"I am reliable. I keep my promises. Others can depend on me. Nothing can stop me from giving my best."

Gulgong Public School & Gulgong Playgroup Christmas Raffle.

Tickets will be sent home today with the students.

Tickets are \$1.00 each.

1st Apple Mini I-pad

2nd Personalised Embroidered Towel Set

3rd Hair Accessory Pack

4th Personalised Stamped necklace from 'Precious Keepsake Jewellery'

Please return to school by 11th December, 2013.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Music & Dancing Lessons

Highland		Ballroom
<i>Dancing</i>		
<i>Rochelle Sutherland</i>		
<i>Phone: 6374 2696</i>		
<i>Starting in 2014</i>		
Piano		Guitar
Recorder		Harp
<i>Lessons</i>		

Mid-Western Regional Council Library

This year's *Summer Reading Program* – on a theme of *Investigation* – will launch Monday 2nd December 2013 at 4pm, and run until 5pm Wednesday 22nd January 2014. All our Littlies, Juniors and Young Adults will be encouraged to read, investigate and learn over December and January, while earning tickets in the major Prize Draw. Tickets are gained by reading every night, with bonus tickets achieved by borrowing from the Library, and completing an additional task. Entry is free, all participants must be members of the Library, and there's a great *Investigation Kit* to collect when you register. Registration is open through December and January – even if you only get 1 ticket, it could be a winning ticket – but the earlier you join, the more tickets you'll earn and more chances you win!

Taronga Western Plains Zoo

School Holiday Program Summer 2014

Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th January 2014

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd January 2014

Age: 5-12yrs

Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm

Cost: \$55 per day

Early Bird Special - \$40 per day (book before 16/12/13)

All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website

www.taronga.org.au/ZooAdventuresDubbo



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