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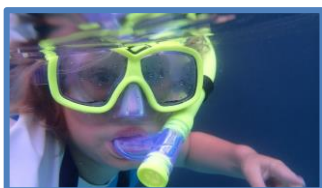
Term 4 – Week 8

Monday, 28 November

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

- ✚ *Swimming for all students-everyday please ensure your child brings, swimmers hat, towel, sunscreen and a plastic bag for wet clothes*



Coming Up

- ✚ *Year 6 Farewell Tuesday December 6th at the RSL*
- ✚ *P&C Christmas Dinner Wednesday December 7th 6.00pm at "Thai to You"*
- ✚ *Gulgong Town Xmas Memorial Hall/ANZAC Park Saturday December 10th 4.00-6.00pm Paparazzi & Circus*
- ✚ *Presentation Day Tuesday December 13th 10.30 in the GHS Gym*
- ✚ *Xmas Disco Thursday December 15th*
- ✚ *Last day for 2016 Friday December 16th*
- ✚ *First day back in 2017 for students Monday January 30th*



"A true friend sees the first tear, catches the second and stops the third."

Angelique



Principal's Message

Congratulations

To: The Year 5 Prefect candidates – all spoke very well. Special Congratulations to the 10 Prefects-Tommy, Hamish, Charlie, Ella, Oliver, Michaela, Olivia, Macey, Mia, Olivia.

To: The entire Year 5 group who nominated and spoke for Prefect. A marvellous effort! Well done.

Thank You

Many thanks to Kylie Cuthel, Lorraine Richards & Isabelle Davies for work at the Gulgong Markets.



Enrolments for 2017

Enrolment forms for 2017 are now available at the school office.

Enrolment with our school for 2017 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 intending to either enrol or leave our school, now is the time to let us know.

Kindergarten 2017

The new 2017 Kindergarten classes will commence on February 2nd in 2017. We look forward to sharing the exciting start of schooling with your children. For any questions at all please contact the School Office on 63741622.

Prefects' Elections

The quality of the candidature this year was outstanding with all nominated students demonstrating those qualities which would make them excellent school prefects.

All students nominated spoke brilliantly in front of parents and the students and showed that they all will be excellent school leaders.

Regrettably there are only 10 positions which receive badges of office.

However, all Year 6 students take on a leadership role in the school and are expected to maintain a good example to their fellow students.

There is plenty of scope for all students to take on projects and leadership roles for the benefit of the school, whether they wear a prefect badge or not.


I look forward very much to working with all the Year 6 students in a variety of school projects and student leadership roles in our school.

The investiture of prefects and the announcement of the captains will be made during the Presentation Day program on Tuesday December 13th.

Playground Kapers


*FRIENDLY PEOPLE ARE CIVIL TO EACH OTHER,
UNFRIENDLY PEOPLE SOON HAVE NO-ONE TO
BE CIVIL TO.*



 All students in the school are allowed access to circus equipment at lunchtimes. This equipment must be used sensibly, responsibly and respectfully and returned intact to where it came from. Too many students are breaking equipment through carelessness or leaving it out. It will remain locked up if this doesn't improve.

After school circus training on Mondays 3.30 -5.00. After school circus needs more students to remain a viable activity.

THERE WILL BE NO CIRCUS IF IT IS RAINING AT 3.30 PM

 All students in the school are allowed access to the Paparazzi Club cameras if they ask. They must be used responsibly and with care and returned at the end of each break. If they don't come back or if they are broken through carelessness, this spoils it for everyone else.

We are building a nice collection of historical cameras. These provide interest for students as well as research projects. If there are old cameras no longer wanted, please send them our way. We will take very good care of them.

Coming Up:

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- *Australian Junior Photography Competition – go to <http://www.australianphotography.com/poty> to see our “Junior U/18” entries so far*
- *Entries in the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show are being collected in Term 4. See Mr Walker now to discuss your potential entry.*
- *The Paparazzi Club has been booked to take Santa Photos at this year's Gulgong Christmas Party at the Memorial Hall on Saturday December 10th from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Help is required.*



The Ten Dollar Bird Team, Eco-Kids and Wiradjuri Kids will have a couple of on-going projects in the school to re-vamp the “Bird Spotting” Board and the vegie garden.

It was interesting last week to see the flying foxes in our playground. They caused some excitement among the students who were keen to take photos and learn about them.

There are microbats and megabats – micro meaning small and mega meaning big. Flying Foxes are megabats.



They are bats of the genus Pteropus, belonging to the megabat suborder, Megachiroptera, are the largest bats in the world. They are commonly known as the fruit bats or flying foxes among other colloquial names.

Flying-foxes are very fond of the nectar, pollen and fruit of native Australian forest trees such as eucalypts, Melaleuca, Banksia, Lily pilly and Moreton bay figs. Although they do consume cultivated fruit such as peaches, mangoes and pawpaw, they only do so when their native food is scarce.

The food that flying foxes eat and the method by which they forage and process that food has led to the flying fox being one of the most efficient pollinators and seed dispersers of native Australian forest trees.

Campsites are very important to the survival of flying-foxes, as this is where they are born, grow, form relationships and learn to survive. Campsites may be permanently or temporarily occupied throughout the year depending on the season and availability of food.

Campsites are usually located on rivers, creeks or near large bodies of water, which provide both fresh water, and a navigation device when coming home at night.

Flying-foxes generally migrate from one area to another depending on the amount of food available. Unfortunately, with land clearing for agriculture and urban development, the flying foxes have very few areas in which they can migrate to once flowering/fruitletting ceases in another area and so find it necessary to sometimes eat cultivated fruit.

Flying-foxes only have one live young per year. The Little red gives birth around April/May whilst the remaining three species give birth around October/November.

Flying foxes have recently been associated with two potentially pathogenic viruses: Hendra or Equine Morbillivirus (EMV) and Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV).

Hendra virus is not contagious from bat to human, it may require a mediator, such as horses in the case of the Australian incidents. More research needs to be done as the suspected transmission mode from bats to horses is not known. Another animal may prove to be the vector.

With regard to Lyssavirus, only a small proportion of the bat population may have the virus, it is very rare. Do not risk infection to yourself and the death of the bat, please – do not handle bats.

If you do find an injured bat alone during the day, it needs help, whether it is a flying fox or a microbat, do not pick it up, like any wild animal it may bite when frightened or injured, seek help immediately – call WIRES Rescue Line on **1300 094 737**

If you find a flying-fox away from its camp during the day it also needs assessment as it may be sick or injured.

If you are waiting for a WIRES rescuer to arrive and you are able to safely provide some form of shade over the flying-fox to keep it out of the direct sun, please do. If the flying-fox is on the ground and it's a hot day, you can place a cool towel or umbrella over it until the rescuer arrives.

- You can download WIRES rescue app to your smart phone or tablet to get wildlife advice and rescue assistance from WIRES rescue team 7 days a week. - See more at:
<http://www.wires.org.au/rescue/rescue-app#sthash.1NTbllw7.dpuf>

If bitten or scratched, wash the area immediately and thoroughly with soap and warm water, and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Remember NO TOUCH = NO RISK



Ten Dollar Phantoms Softball Club plays Saturday mornings from 8.30 – 10.30 at Billy Dunn Soccer Fields. (*set up at 8.30 – some help required*)

All ages welcome - T Ball to adults. More players are welcome. We can accommodate almost any number but we need a minimum of 10—12 in each age/skill range. If you are coming to play please turn up before 9.00am so we can get teams better organized for the day.

There is **no cost** for this Ten Dollar Kids Club sporting activity but a permission note **MUST** be handed in before play and a mouth guard is advisable.

There is no play when the Gulgong Markets are on the 4th Saturday each month as we can't be in two places at once. Thank you for your understanding.

P&C News

P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Staffroom. The next meeting is the annual Christmas Dinner meeting on Wednesday December 7th at 6.00pm at "Thai to You."

The minutes of each P&C Meeting are posted on the school's website.

Many thanks to all members of the P&C for your on-going support of the school.

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 Managers Maree Papworth & Julie Power.

More volunteers are always sought. If you can spare any time to help in the canteen just contact Maree or Julie on 63 741 060. 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. There is a wealth of information about programs, policies and activities at the school.

*You can also follow us on **Facebook**.*

Alan Walker

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS SHARED READING

Shared Reading has finished for this year. If your child only has only a few more readers to reach the 100, please see the class room teacher.

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