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Photo by Lily Haney Year 1 GPS Paparazzi Club 2014

Term 4 – Week 7

Monday, 20 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 6374162.

This Week

- Swimming School continues ends this Friday
- Souths NRL visit Tuesday
- MC Class with Mrs Wiltshire and Mrs Sewell perform at the Schools Spectacular in Sydney.



Coming Up

- *Prefect's Elections *Tuesday November 28th 9.45am in the Hall (parents welcome)*
- *Christmas Fair & Concert – November 30th*
- *Year 6 Farewell Tuesday December 5th at the RSL*
- *Years 3 & 4 holding a cake stall. Theme "Purple & Black"*
- *Presentation Day Tuesday December 12th 11.00-12.30 GHS Gym*
- *Christmas Disco Thursday December 14th*
- *Last day for students Friday December 15th*

Christmas Family Gala Night Prices

- Chocolate Coin Toss - 20c or 3 tosses for 50c
- Sift The Lucky Dip - 20c a cup
- Tattoos - 20c
- Sponge Throwing - 50c for 3 throws
- Whack-A-Chook - 3 for 50c
- Mystery Jars - 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00
- Nail Painting - \$1.00
- Boot Throwing - \$1.00
- Song Requests - \$1.00 per song
- Name Baubles and Trees - \$1.00 - \$2.00
- Jumping Castle - \$2.00
- Chocolate Wheel - \$2.00
- Chocolate Stall - 50c to \$5.00
- Christmas Prop Photos - \$10.00

There will also be a barbecue and various food/drink stalls with varied prices.



"Sometimes our light goes out but it can always be rekindled by a good friend."



Good Luck!

To: Issy, Anthony and Jack at the Schools Spectacular in Sydney this week.

To: Ollie who plays with Western Region in the NSW Primary School Cricket Championships this week.



Congratulations

To: P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator Naomi Jackson on the birth of her first grandchild. Well done.

Thank You

To: Troy McKellar from Troy McKellar Real Estate for the generous donation towards our Christmas Gala Day Fete. Troy donated a truck-load of snags. Thanks Troy.

To: Mr Haney, Mr Tumeth, Mr Dunk, Mr Meek & Miss Morris for the concreting work on our paths and memorial garden.



To: Bruce McGregor from *McGregor Real Estate*, Chris & Kathy Pearson from *Pearson's Jeweller's*, Dave Morrison from the *Shell Servo*, Gary & Marg Meridith from *Stacks*, Michele Inglis from *Inglis Real Estate*, *Gulgong Bowling & Sporting Club* and the *Henry Lawson Society*, Gerald & Pat from *Gulgong Timber*, Terry Jones from the *Centennial Hotel*, Allan & Gabby from *Almac Hardware* for the generous donations towards our Presentation Day.

Classes for 2018

Our classes and staffing each year depends on the number of students enrolled. We currently have around 310 students which will mean no changes to our overall structure and organization. The organisation of classes is a process which is carefully planned.

In the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2018. In this process, teachers, school executive and the Learning Support Team, use

professional judgement to very carefully ensure the correct placement of students in classes for next year. Occasionally, parents or carers have a specific concern for the wellbeing of their child for consideration in this process. If you have a specific concern, it is important to, firstly, share your concern with the child's class teacher – as they may have a different perspective to add. Having done that, concerns can be put in writing to the attention of the school principal and submitted to the office.

Concerns or requests pertaining to the child's social, academic or emotional wellbeing will be carefully considered within the process. Under the principle of equity, requests for specific classroom teachers for 2018 will not be considered.

If your family or a family you know of is relocating for 2018, please let the school office know on 63741622

School Self-Evaluation Program

A survey was attached to the last newsletter for parents and community members to provide feedback about the school's operations.

Each year we collect information to help with planning for next year. Please fill in the survey and return it to school by November 30. There are no names on this survey so please let us know what you really think.

Prefects Elections

Prefects speeches will be held on Tuesday November 28th at 9.45am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Student leaders play a very important role in a school. They lead by example in class and in the playground and provide stability in the organization of the many school events that students engage in.

The criteria for potential student leaders in our school includes the following examples:

- Demonstrates exemplary behaviour and respect for the school and the people in it
- Acts with honesty, integrity and respect at all times
- Demonstrates positive school spirit at all times
- Displays initiative and willingness to participate
- Demonstrates pride in our school through behaviour, attitude and wearing of school uniform
- Is able to communicate effectively with students and teachers
- Gives full effort to all areas of academic, sporting and cultural endeavours
- Displays friendliness and charity towards fellow students at all times

- Possesses a genuine desire to help improve the school and the environment
- Possesses a satisfactory discipline record at school

Year 5 students will nominate for prefect in Term 4 of each year.

The students are permitted to post 2 x A4 size posters on the school walls or windows, detailing their virtues as a potential prefect.

A date will be set aside for each nominee to address the students from Year 2 to Year 6 for 1 - 2 minutes, detailing how they believe they will be worthy school leaders.

The students will then vote for 10 prefects. The votes will be tallied and the first ranked boy and girl shall be named school captains. The next ranked eight students of either gender shall be named prefects.

The successful group of 10 will be announced immediately but the announcement of school captains and the pinning on of badges takes place at Presentation Day.



Kindergarten 2018

Contact the School Office on 63741622 for more information.

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolment forms for 2018 are now available at the school office.

Enrolment with our school 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.



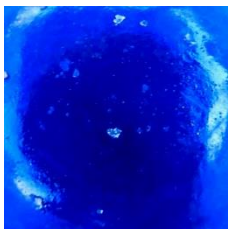
At our school we always do our best to "take responsibility for our actions".



Mystery Photos



Mystery #22: Solved by Dustin .
It was a tennis ball.



Mystery #23:
(supplied by Gypsy)

What do you think this is?



There will be no more circus activities this year now. Many thanks to the many students and parents who have supported these programs and activities since the Ten Dollar Circus program was introduced at the school in 2005.



The Bird Team, Eco-Kids and Wiradjuri Kids "Eco-Trackers" Mapping Project for The Drip will have a session to compile the data recorded and draw the map soon.



The Paparazzi Club has ceased official operations for the year. Those who would like to, can assist at the Gulgong Christmas Party of December 9th taking Santa Photos at the Memorial Hall from 4.30pm.



"Softball – where good girls & boys steal!" Come & play on Saturdays at West End in Mudgee 9.00am – 10.30am. See Mr Walker for info.

PARENT NEWS

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your wife told you."

Useful quotes and information for parents to use with children:

This week: ways to praise and motivate your children for **"RESILIENCE" & "PERSISTENCE"**

"Remember the airplane takes off into the wind not with it."

"A gem cannot be polished without friction."

"Top Guns get their reputation from overcoming the most difficult conditions."

"The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them."

"Tough times never last but tough people do."

P&C News

P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at **5.00pm** in the Staffroom. The next meeting is the P&C Christmas Dinner at the Bowlo on *Wednesday December 6th* at 6.30pm.

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.

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 741060. 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

You can also follow us on facebook.

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.

Alan Walker
Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Gala Stall

Children have received a jar today to fill up for the Bottle Timboola.

Ideas include Lollies, craft items, stationary.

All students who return a filled jar will receive a ticket in a prize draw.



Library News

A friendly reminder that as we draw closer to the end on the year borrowing for the year is closed for stocktake. If you have any Library Books at home please return these books as soon as possible.

Home Reading

Home reading has finished for the year. If you are close to reaching your goal of **100** please see Mrs Gordon.



Book Club

Book Orders are due 22nd November.

"Kindy Kapers"

Thank you to all staff, Year 5 students, parents and our beautiful Kindy Kapers children for a fantastic program over the last four weeks.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone into our school community in 2018.

Sarah Price





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