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Photo by Lily Haney Year 1 GPS Paparazzi Club 2014

Term 4 – Week 10

Monday, 11 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 6374162.

This Week

- Presentation Day (tomorrow) Tuesday December 12th **Gulgong High School Gym - 10.45am**
- **"Phantom Purple Day"** (Farewell Mr Walker) Wednesday December 13th – free hot dog and drink for lunch
- Christmas Scripture & Pool Day Thursday December 14th
- **Christmas Disco** Thursday December 14th
- Last day for students Friday December 15th



Coming Up

- Christmas Markets in Coronation Park Saturday December 23rd from 8.30am
- **First Day back in 2018 Tuesday January 30th**



*"Teaching is a work of heart.
Live long and prosper."*



This is around my 800th and last newsletter as Principal of Gulgong Public School. It has been my privilege to serve as Principal here for the past twenty years. Many thanks to both supporters and detractors - all feedback is useful to keep improving the school operation.

Many, many thanks to all the staff who have worked at this school in the last twenty years. Huge improvements have been made for students and your dedication has been and continues to be, outstanding.

The parents and community members who have given so much time and effort in special events and programs have been marvellous and a shining light for other schools.

The students in the last twenty years have been interesting and exceptional. The talents that have been on show or which have been developed are outstanding and the achievements of students is a wonderful testimony to diligence and dedication.

May I give everyone in the Gulgong Public School community my heartfelt thanks for the past twenty years and my very best wishes for the future.

Farewell.

Alan Walker

Principal 1998-2017



Congratulations

To: The Year 6 group who graduated last week. Good luck and best wishes from all of us.



To: Award winners at Presentation Day and all students who put in their best efforts during 2017. Well done.

To: Staff, students and parents for a successful 2017. Good job.

To: The Gulgong kids who completed a year of Dento Ryu Karate in 2017. Well done



Farewell

This year we will say farewell and thank you very much to Ms Angela McGlinn and her husband Mr Nicholas Hall. Angela has been part of our Early Action for Success Instructional Team at Gulgong Public School and Nic has been the teacher at Red Hill Environmental Centre.



Both Nic and Angela have put their heart and soul into Gulgong and the children here with no request being too much. Our school and community events have been the richer for Angela and Nic's involvement and we thank them both very much indeed.

It is with some sadness that we see them depart but we all wish them the very best as they resume their careers in Sydney.

We will also say farewell to Miss Abbie Muscat who is moving to teach in Bourke next year. Miss Muscat has been a wonderful teacher and team member at Gulgong Public School. Her expertise in sports including Swimming School will be sorely missed. We all wish Miss Muscat the very best. We will miss her friendly face and caring presence in our school.

Mrs Price is going on leave for next year so we will give her our best wishes as well.



Classes for 2018

At this stage we are unable to make a clear decision about how many classes we will have next year. School staffing depends on the number of enrolments a school has. We are very close to having another teacher and classroom but because we do not have firm information about who is definitely leaving we cannot make a call.

If we order a new classroom and then don't get the numbers to support that request the school will have to pay for the moving and removal of the demountable which runs into many thousands. If we request a teacher and then not have the enrolments, likewise we have to pay for that teacher for all of term 1.

We cannot make these decisions based on rumour about who's coming and going. We need written confirmation every time.

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.

Please inform the office if your family is relocating in 2018. Please contact the school if you know of anyone else moving or coming to our school for 2018.

We are very close to needing another teacher and classroom and knowing who is leaving or coming is vital for this planning.



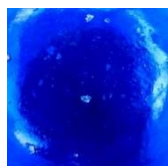
From Gulgong Public School Staff



At our school we always do our best to "respect each other and be considerate".



Mystery Photos



Mystery #23:
(supplied by Gypsy)

*What do you think this is?
Answer will be given on Friday.....*



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.

Those who want to can attend the Christmas Markets on Saturday December 23rd from 8.30 – 1.00 in Coronation Park. Mr Walker will still be doing some regular circus activities in 2018. Stay tuned to the newsletter.



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 early in 2018. This may be an on-going project in 2018. Mrs Fuller & Mr Walker will still be available for "Eco" activities in 2018.



Thank you to paparazzo Olivia and staff who assisted with Santa Photos last weekend.

Good job. The Paparazzi Club has one more job before pulling stumps for 2017.

The Paparazzi have been invited to take photos of the annual Gulgong Folk Festival again this coming year. Mr Walker will be available on 0488 741622 or at some Folk Festival events with cameras to borrow.

The entries for the 2018 Royal Easter Show will be completed during January. The Paparazzi Club may continue in 2018 – stay tuned.

Congratulations to the many students who have taken photographs at Gulgong Public School. You have exceptional talent and the rewards should keep coming. I look forward to seeing many prizewinning photographs in years to come.



"Softball – where good girls & boys steal!"
Come & play on Saturdays at West End in Mudgee 9.00am – 10.30am. Games will recommence in 2018 from Saturday February 3rd. Mr Walker will still coach Gulgong Phantoms in 2018.

PARENT NEWS

The difference between school and life? In school you're taught a lesson then given a test. In life you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." Tom Bodett

Useful quotes and information for parents to use with children:

WHAT CHILDREN NEED MOST LOTS OF HUGS To Play
LOVE Respect to PLAY The chance to make mistakes
to have fun to be seen Encouragement to try again
TO BE LISTENED TO Room to grow DREAMS
Your presence A hero TO BE TOLD YES!
A fostered sense of wonder TO BE TRUSTED Affection
GUIDANCE TO PLAY

P&C News

P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at **5.00pm** in the Staffroom. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7th 2018.

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.

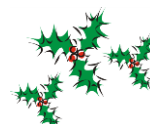
Alan Walker

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CWA International Group

Our students participated in the CWA poster competition. The following students received 1st prize. Jessica Year 1, Kendall Year 2, Shelby Year 3, Akaisha Year 4. Congratulations and thank you for their lovely card sent to the CWA.





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