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TERM 4 WEEK 2

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



RADIO GPS

In our inaugural podcast episode, Gulgong Public School students Jake, Charlotte, and Payton produced an in-depth episode by interviewing none other than the acclaimed Australian Ninja Warrior, Olivia Vivian.

The students' enthusiasm and inquisitive minds shone as they posed insightful questions, creating a captivating interview with Olivia. This experience was not just an interview; it was an exploration into the world of podcasting, offering the students valuable insights and hands-on learning.

Gulgong Public School takes pride in providing such unique opportunities, where education meets real-world engagement. This endeavor aligns with our commitment to fostering holistic learning experiences that go beyond traditional classrooms.

In this week's podcast join us with special guest Tony D'Alberto, a V8 Super-car driver! Get ready for thrilling stories and insights into the fast-paced world of motorsports.

As we look forward to upcoming episodes, the Gulgong Public School community can anticipate more interviews and stories that showcase our students' curiosity and passion for learning.

Stay tuned for an exciting podcast series that showcases the skills of students at Gulgong Public School.



RADIO GPS
run by GPS Students





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Health of our students:

First and foremost, welcome back to term 4. During the term break we had a few reported cases of Whooping Cough and Influenza A within our school. We take the health of our community very seriously, and we request that if your child is feeling unwell or displaying symptoms of illness, please keep them at home until they have fully recovered. This will help prevent the spread of these contagious illnesses and protect the well-being of all students and staff.

"Radio GPS" Podcast Series:

On a better note, we are thrilled to share that Gulgong Public School has kicked off an exciting new initiative called "Radio GPS." This podcast series is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with the world of media and interviewing, and it's off to an incredible start!

In our first episode, Jake, Charlotte, and Payton had the privilege of interviewing none other than Australian Ninja Warrior, Olivia Vivian. The students asked insightful questions and gained valuable experience in the world of podcasting.

This week, we are thrilled to announce that our special guest will be Tony D'Alberto, who recently achieved a remarkable 3rd place finish in the prestigious Bathurst 1000 V8 Super Car race. As with all our "Radio GPS" episodes, our students will be at the forefront, designing the questions and conducting the interviews. It's a unique opportunity for them to showcase their creativity, curiosity, and communication skills.

Calling for Community Involvement:

We believe that our school community is filled with talented individuals, and we'd love to feature more of them on our podcast. If you or anyone you know has connections to interesting and inspiring people who would be willing to be interviewed by our students, we encourage you to reach out to David, Balaji or Sarah for "Radio GPS." We're eager to expand our list of guests and provide our students with a diverse range of interviewees, so please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Week of Amazing Field Trips!

Get ready for an action-packed week, as our students embark on thrilling adventures! From Glencore mines to Dubbo Zoo and the breathtaking Blue Mountains, they're in for unforgettable experiences. Let the fun and learning begin!



4 R'S - RESPECTFUL, REASONING, RESPONSIBLE AND RESILIENT

Each week at Gulgong Public School students learn about being Resilient, Responsible, Respectful and Reasoning learners in the classroom and playground. The 4 R focus for this week is "Being Resilient in the Classroom".

CHECK IN ASSESSMENT

Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in Assessment this week. The Check-in Assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to access and monitor student learning. The Check-in Assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in Literacy and Numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.



CLASS IN FOCUS - MC MUSCAT

In Term 3 in MC Muscat, we celebrated numerous achievements and milestones, both big and small. It has been a thrilling journey for all of us! Kindergarten kicked off the excitement by celebrating 100 days of learning. The day was filled with engaging and fun activities that kept our young learners enthralled.

Throughout the term, our focus has been on honing fine motor skills, nurturing budding writing talents, and delving into the intriguing world of mass and length in Mathematics.

Our class have been avidly reading new stories each week, and they are learning the art of storytelling by incorporating both words and pictures. One of the standout favourites has been 'Invisible Me.' This book not only entertained but also taught us about the incredible concept of camouflage. To top it off, we compared the story's narrative to real-life Emu facts. Surprisingly, Emus possess two eyelids, we found that truly fascinating! As we loved the story so much, MC Muscat created some truly beautiful artworks, capturing the essence of 'Invisible Me.'

We have also been diligently working to grasp the concepts of longer and shorter. We have employed various methods in their learning journey, but their favourite has undoubtedly been using blocks. We have also had a blast experimenting with balance scales as we explore heavier and lighter objects.

In MC Muscat, our passion for cooking and tasting new foods takes centre stage every Friday. From delectable cakes and mouthwatering toasties to creamy milkshakes and our all-time favourite, pizza, we've continued to explore the culinary world of new flavours and foods.

In Term 4 we have welcomed our new chickens into the MC playground. We are looking forward to watching them grow and hopefully laying some eggs in the near future. This Term we are also excited for a few upcoming special excursions with our friends in Kindergarten and Year 1 to the Zoo. Our Year 3 and Year 4 students will be heading off to Ulan Coal Mine for a tour and planting of some trees.

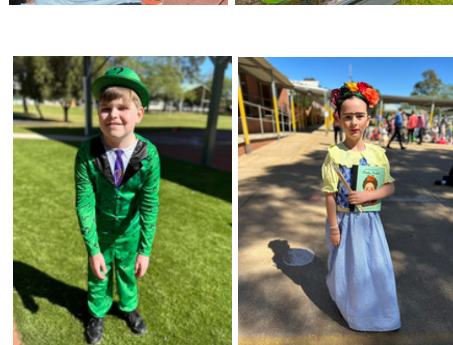
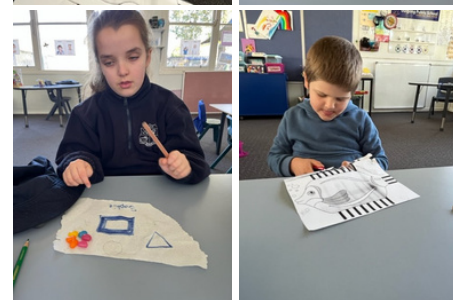
BOOK FAIR 2024

Our recent Book Fair and Character Parade were a blast! A big thank you to all mums, dads, and carers for coming to support your children!

The Book Fair was brilliant! Loads of great books for our little readers. Thanks to you, we're making sure our kids love reading.

The school was buzzing with excitement during the Character Parade. Kids dressed up as their favourite book characters, showing off their amazing costumes and love for stories.

Big thanks to Mrs Erin Dunk for making this happen. And a special shoutout to the McInnes, Norris, Ellery and Stephenson family for the kind donations to the school library. Your support helps us to make learning fun at Gulgong Public School





TINY STEPS

Tiny Steps will be run again during Term 4 in our school library each Friday from 10am to 11am starting this Friday. Parents and children from ages 0-6 that do not attend school are welcome to come.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2024

With 2024 fast approaching, it is time to look to the new student leaders for our school. Student leaders play a very important role in a school. These leaders will lead by example in class, in the playgrounds, and provide stability in our organisation of many school events that students engage in.

The Captain and Prefect Speeches will be held on Friday 24th November at 10 am in the school hall.

The successful group of students will be announced on our Presentation Day which is being held on Thursday the 14th of December. Passports to Leadership and notes have been discussed and sent home with students in Year 5 who would like to run for 2024 Captain and Prefects.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2025

Selective high schools provide a learning environment designed for academically gifted and high potential students. There are 47 selective high schools for Year 7 entry each year, including an online class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students. Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 open on 9 October 2023 and close on 20 November 2023 at our <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. There will be links provided on our Facebook page.

Ready to apply?

For the latest updates visit: [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

| Key dates | |
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| Application website opens | 9 October 2023 |
| Application website closes | 20 November 2023 |
| Test centre and test authority advice released | 25 April 2024 |
| Selective High School Placement Test | 9 May 2024 |
| Illness/misadventure requests submitted | 16 May 2024 |
| Placement outcome expected to be released | late August 2024 |

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Summer 7's

Do you want to play soccer over summer?

JOIN US!

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| Wednesday's 5:30PM KO Jubilee Oval | AGE GROUPS 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 START DATE 18-10-2023 CHRISTMAS BREAK 20-12-2023 RECOMMENCE 31-01-2024 FINAL ROUND 13-03-2024 |
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Register on playfootball:
Gulgong Lions Summer 7's

\$50 per player
Max 10 players per team



THE TOOL KIT SERIES

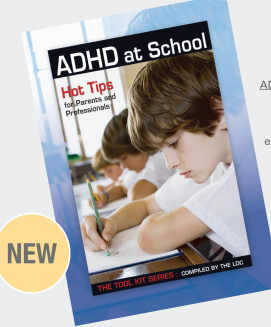

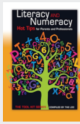

The LDC is pleased to announce our latest booklet in "The Tool Kit Series".

This booklet on **ADHD at School** covers areas such as comorbidities, girls and ADHD, classroom strategies, executive functions, writing, language and more.

Strategies for parents, teachers and health professionals.

\$12 LDC Members
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 18 October - Yr 6 Transition
- Thursday 19 October - Yr 3 Ulan Mine Excursion, Yr 5 Katoomba Excursion
- Friday 20 October - Yr 4 Ulan Mine Excursion, Little Steps to Big School
- Friday 27 October - Little Steps Full Day
- Monday to Wednesday 27-29 November - Yr 4 Tea Gardens Excursion
- Tuesday 28 November - Yr 6 Transition
- Thursday 7 December - Infants Rewards Day
- Friday 8 December - Primary Rewards Day
- Thursday 14 December - Yr 6 Farewell, School Presentation Day