



15 MAY 2023

TERM 2 WEEK 4

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



CROSS COUNTRY EVENT



On Friday the 5th of May, we had the school's Cross Country event. The event was a great success, with students pushing themselves to their limits and demonstrating their physical fitness and endurance. It was great to see so many students participate in Cross Country and have a great time. Year 6 were fabulous helpers with the infants and MC students helping them around the course during their races. Overall, it was a fantastic showcase of the strength, determination, and spirit of our students.

Throughout the race, students pushed themselves to their limits, with cheers from classmates and teachers providing encouragement and support. At the finish line, there were cheers and applause as students crossed the line, exhausted but proud of their achievements. Students that placed were recognised for their achievements on Monday morning assembly.



Overall, the school's Cross Country event was a fantastic day that brought the community together and showcased the strength, determination, and spirit of our students. It was a testament to the power of sports and the importance of physical activity in promoting both physical and mental well-being.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mother's Day

Last Friday, we had a wonderful celebration of Mother's Day here at school. It was fantastic to see so many mothers and families at school with their children. The event was a great success, and we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the importance of this special day.

Mother's Day is a time to appreciate the love and sacrifices that our mothers and families have made for us. It is a day to celebrate the wonderful bond that exists between mothers and their child. At school, we recognise the role that mothers play in the education and development of their children, and we are grateful for the support that they provide to our school community.



We would like to express our thanks to all families who took the time out of their busy schedules to come and celebrate with us. Your presence made the event truly special, and we appreciate the effort that you put into making this day memorable for your children. We would also like to extend our appreciation to our teachers and staff who worked hard to organise this event. They put in a lot of effort to ensure that everything ran smoothly and that the children had a wonderful time.

Once again, thank you to all the mothers who came out to celebrate with us. We hope that you had a wonderful time, and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)

Over the past two weeks, our students have been completing their PAT testing at school. These tests are a vital part of our school's assessment and reporting process, as they help us to identify the individual needs of our students and provide targeted support for their learning.

The PAT tests cover a range of subjects, including reading and mathematics. They are designed to assess students' understanding and knowledge of these subjects and provide valuable information about their academic progress.

Our teachers will use the results of these tests to guide their teaching in the coming weeks. By identifying the specific strengths and weaknesses of each student, they can tailor their lesson plans to cater to individual needs and ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We understand that every student is unique, and their learning needs can vary greatly. By using the results of the PAT tests, we can provide targeted support and guidance to ensure that every student receives the attention and support that they need to succeed.

Blue Merits

Just a quick note to parents letting them know that Infants teachers still hand out the cardboard blue merits when students get their tokens. Primary teachers give the blue merit to the students to place in their tubes at school.

Drop Off Times

Just a reminder that teachers are not on duty at school until 8.50 am in the morning. We have noticed that a lot of students are getting to school very early. We have Before school care if you need to access this. Please contact the school office for further details regarding before school care.

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 4R focus for week 4 is Being Responsible for my Own Behaviour.



CLASS IN FOCUS - 3/4 R

3/4R have had a fun, busy semester so far. We have been learning some new ways to think about maths problems with our additive strategies, and are enjoying being able to put into practice these techniques with some fun card and dice games.

We completed some amazing artworks for Easter which we are very proud of, and are working on some more bright works of art to tie in with our work in Geography on the Daintree Rainforest.

We all worked very hard on our speeches last term where we dressed up as a fairy-tale character and gave a speech for our classmates from the perspective of that character. It was so fun to watch everyone else and see how much hard work everyone put in.

We are looking forward to seeing the amazing work everyone puts in for the Daintree Rainforest speech and diorama we have coming up- we are sure this will be just as amazing as the fairy-tale speeches!



DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

On Friday 12th May, 2023, our school community came together to show our support for Dolly's Dream and raise awareness about the importance of anti-bullying. Staff and students wore blue to show their solidarity and commitment to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all.

Throughout the day, our students participated in a range of classroom activities aimed at developing a better understanding of anti-bullying and ways to be kind to others. We were delighted to see a fantastic response to our gold coin donation drive, which raised a total of \$198.00 towards Dolly's Dream.

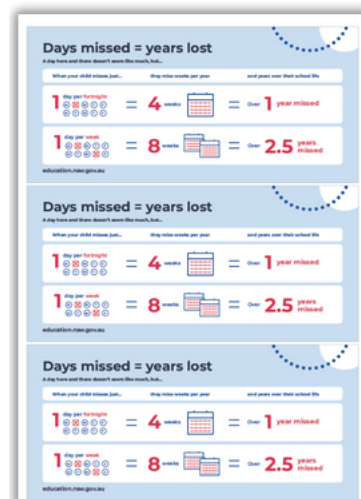
Creating a safe and supportive learning environment is critical to the success and wellbeing of our students. We are committed to initiatives that promote kindness, empathy, and respect, and believe that every member of our community has a role to play in preventing bullying. Thank you for helping to make this important fundraiser a success.



ATTENDANCE

If your child/children are away from school, you will receive an automated text message from the school. Please reply to this message with the reason your son/daughter is away from school.

E.g. Sarah is sick and is unable to attend school today.





CHECK IN ASSESSMENT

Students in Years 4 and 6 will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in Assessment in Week 5.

The Check-in Assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading, writing 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.

TINY STEPS

At Tiny Steps, we believe that play is an essential part of early childhood development, and our playgroup activities are designed to stimulate your child's imagination, creativity, and curiosity. Our experienced teachers provide guidance and support, as well as a wide range of engaging activities that help your child develop their motor skills, social skills, and cognitive abilities.

Whether your child is just starting to crawl or is already walking and talking, Tiny Steps has something to offer.

Join us at Tiny Steps and give your child the opportunity to take their first steps towards a lifetime of learning and growth.



TINY STEPS
TERM 2 BEGINS 5/5/23 (WEEK 2)
10-11AM SCHOOL LIBRARY

GPS CALENDER EVENTS

Wednesday 17th May - Touch Gala
Thursday 18th May - Rugby League Classic Shield
Monday 22nd May - Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 24th May - Kindergarten Red Hill Excursion
Thursday 25th May - Year 1 Red Hill Excursion
Friday 26th May - 2 Red Hill Excursion
Friday 26th May - 1st Installment for Tea Gardens
Tuesday 30th May - Stage 2 Daintree Speech and Diorama



Daintree Speech and Diorama due in week 6. Please contact front office for further information



Canberra Excursion 3rd Installment is now overdue.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Traditional Non-Contact Karate
Where - Gulgong Public School
When - Wednesdays and Fridays
Time - 6 pm - 7 pm
Cost - \$3.50 per lesson

Students must be 5 years or older
Contact - Harvey on 0427 435 930