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TERM 3 WEEK 4

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



CLC FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS

Students from Gulgong Public School attended the Education Week Ceremony in Mudgee. At this ceremony, Gulgong Public School was presented with our first and second place certificates for the Cudgegong Learning Community movie night in the stage three section. Gulgong Public School came first and second. A big congratulations to all the students involved and a big thank you to Redhill Environmental Education Centre for their help with your movies.

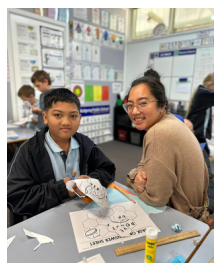
First prize went to the team with the title "Student Life in Gulgong - Past Now and Future. You can find the video in the below link <https://youtu.be/bKbpO5qTlpU>

Second prize went to the team with the title "Gulgong - Was Is Will be". You can find the video in the below link <https://youtu.be/c6-0rh7tcek>



EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to our school community for attending Education Week celebrations at Gulgong Public School last Monday. It was lovely having so many parents and carers stay and enjoy a picnic lunch with their children.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week, Year 6 students travelled to Canberra, Jindabyne and Thredbo. We had an amazing time exploring and taking in the sights!

On Day One, we travelled to Australia's Capital beginning with a tour of "Deadly Defining Moments" to learn about First Nation's People and we even got to see Pharlap's heart! After this we walked around the beautiful gardens and miniature world of Cockington Green, including a train ride. The highlight of the day was delving into the world of science at Questacon where we experienced an earthquake simulator and a free fall slide.

Day Two was also jam packed with fun experiences including a visit to the playground at Canberra's Arboretum. We then had a tour of the Royal Australian Mint to see how coins are made. At Parliament House, students met our member for Calare, Andrew Gee and watched Parliament in action. We wrapped up the day at the Australian Institute of Sport with a guided tour of the athlete's facilities and showed off our skills in the Sportex Centre. A highlight was seeing some of Australia's gymnasts in action. We then hit the road to Jindabyne to collect our ski gear for the next day.

Day Three was an amazing day in Thredbo! It was an early start but well worth it. Students began with a ski lesson and then some practice before having a go on the slopes. We also played in the snow and some of us took a bus to explore Thredbo Village and finished the day with more skiing, marshmallows and some tricks from a magician.

Congratulations to Year 6 students for their amazing behaviour throughout the excursion including long bus trips and early morning starts. It's always great to hear positive compliments about Gulgong Public School from the staff at the venues we visited. A big thank you to Mrs Auckett, Miss Jones, Miss Mace, Mr West and Mr Lewis.

Last Wednesday 48 students from primary attended the Beauty and Beast musical at Capitol Theatre in Sydney. Students left school at 6 am and didn't return to school until 10 pm. It was a massive day out. Students and staff said it was an amazing musical to watch and they would recommend going and watching it.



LITTLE STEPS AFTERNOON TEA & SHIRT COLLECTION

On Monday the 14th August, we are having a picnic at school from 3:25 pm till 4 pm, for any new kindergarten student in 2024. Students will be given a Little Steps to Big School Shirt to wear when they come for this transition program.

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 week 2 is Being responsible for my behaviour.





CLASS IN FOCUS - 1/2B

For Education week 1/2 B made sheep to go with our storybook lessons - Pete the sheep.

At Red Hill in term 2 we learnt about how to better use our Earth's resources so they will be around for many years to come.

We have been enjoying some of the maths activities from the new K-2 curriculum.



CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Friday the 21st July, a total of 12 schools from central west met at St Mary's Catholic School in Dubbo. This our first tournament and we took our team of four members - Angus McInnes, Callum McInnes, Jesse Clare and Mitchell Atkinson. Each student played eight games of chess throughout the day. On the whole, the 38 teams displayed lots of skill, courtesy, great sportsmanship. Our students had a lot of fun and used this opportunity to make new friends.



FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

On Friday 1st September we will be joining with Gulgong High School to hold a Father's Day Breakfast in our primary playground. We invite all families to come along and enjoy a bacon and egg roll with their loved ones.





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.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day = 3 days

30 mins per day = 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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2024 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION SESSIONS





LITTLE STEPS

2024 Kindergarten Transition Program

DATES

TERM 3

- Week 6 - Friday 25th August - 9:25 am to 11:25 am
- Week 7 - Friday 1st September - 9:25 am to 11:25 am
- Week 8 - Friday 8th September - 9:25 am to 11:25 am
- Week 9 - Friday 15th September - 9:25 am to 11:25 am

TERM 4

- Week 2 - Friday 20th October - 9:25 am to 11:25 am
- Week 3 - Friday 27th October - 9:25 am to 3:25 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th August - Stage 2 Red Hill Excursion
Monday 28th August - Wellbeing Week (till Friday 1st of September)
Wednesday 30th August - Year 6 Transition
Thursday 31st August - Touch GALA
Friday 1st September - Combined Father's Day Breakfast with GHS
Wednesday 13th September - Year 3 Dubbo Excursion
Friday 15th September - Western Athletics
Monday 18th September - Choir - Sydney (till Wednesday 20th September)

PAYMENTS DUE

Tea Gardens - 3rd Instalment \$100 due on 18th August
Choir - 3rd instalment \$70 due on 4th September

