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TERM 3 WEEK 6

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our students at the recent Zone athletics carnival, which took place on Monday, 7th August in Mudgee. Our school's participation was nothing short of outstanding, with 54 GPS students qualifying to compete in various events.

We are delighted to announce that numerous students went above and beyond, securing place ribbons for their remarkable performances. This is a testament to their hard work and perseverance, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.

A huge congratulations is in order for our remarkable 16 students who have now advanced to the Western athletics trials. These trials, scheduled to be held in Dubbo during week 9, will undoubtedly showcase the best talents from our region.

In the midst of this wonderful achievement, we must highlight the exceptional achievement of two of our students. Charlotte Harper and James Martin exhibited extraordinary skill and determination in their respective events, earning them the well-deserved titles of Junior Girl and Junior Boy Zone Age Champions. We applaud their remarkable achievements and acknowledge their immense effort.

To all our students who have secured a spot at the Western Carnival, we wish you the best of luck.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am thrilled to share with you some of the recent highlights and achievements that have taken place within our school community in the last fortnight. It's been a time of engaging learning, spirited sportsmanship, and important messages of unity and kindness.

Stage 2 Red Hill Excursion

Last week, our Stage 2 classes embarked on an educational journey to the Red Hill Environmental Education Centre (RHEEC). The students were immersed in the captivating world of "Precious Pollinators." Throughout the day, they embraced the roles of super scientists, using magnifying glasses and technology to dissect flowers, identify insect specimens, and classify them. Additionally, the exploration of bees and the creation of recycled seed-infused paper brought them closer to understanding the essential role of pollinators in our ecosystem. Thank you Karen, Amy, and Greg for providing our students with a memorable and enriching experience.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Our school proudly participated in the Zone Athletics carnival held at Walkers Oval in Mudgee. I am pleased to report that many of our GPS students qualified to compete, and their exceptional sportsmanship throughout the day was commendable. It was heartwarming to see so many of our students not only competing but also displaying great camaraderie and respect for their fellow athletes. The many ribbons speaks to their dedication and effort. Congratulations are in order for the 16 students who have advanced to the Western athletics trials happening in Dubbo. Our best wishes go out to them as they continue to strive for excellence. A special mention is due to Charlotte Harper and James Martin, who truly shone in their events and were deservedly awarded the titles of Junior Girl and Junior Boy Zone Age Champions. We celebrate their achievements and eagerly anticipate their performances at the upcoming Western Carnival.

Green and Gold Day

Last week our students recently showed their national pride by dressing up in green and gold to stand behind our Matildas. Their enthusiasm and involvement demonstrated the strong sense of community that our school prides itself on. It's heartwarming to witness our students coming together to celebrate, support and cheer on the Matildas.

Bullying No Way Day

Last Friday, we united as a school against bullying by participating in the National Day of Action. Students wore orange to symbolise their commitment to preventing and responding to bullying. Throughout the day, meaningful activities were undertaken to deepen understanding about bullying, foster empathy, and promote positive interactions among students. This day served as a reminder that kindness and respect are core values that define our school culture.

As we continue to celebrate these accomplishments and experiences, I want to extend my appreciation to all the students, teachers, parents, and staff members who contribute to making our school a place of growth, learning, and mutual support. Your efforts are truly valued and essential to the nurturing environment we strive to provide for our students.

Let's move forward with the knowledge that every achievement, big or small, contributes to the tapestry of our school's success. Together, we are fostering a community that values education, sportsmanship, unity, and compassion.

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 respectful to school property.



CLASS IN FOCUS - KP

KP has had a very fun and busy Term 3. We celebrated our 100 days of learning, started computer lessons and showcased our wonderful learning with our community during Education Week.

In English, we have enjoyed reading with a partner daily and learning our new sounds in InitiaLit. We have also had lots of fun writing about friendships, dingos and gorillas.

In maths, we have been busy learning before and after numbers, ordinal numbers and time. We have been very lucky to have our Year 6 buddies join us for math games once a week.

In science, we have been exploring different objects and materials. We challenged ourselves by designing and constructing a house for The Three Little Pigs that the wolf could not blow down. We had lots of fun making and testing our houses and absolutely love STEM activities!



We're looking forward to the rest of Term 3!

VISIT TO RED HILL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Stage 2 classes visited RHEEC last week engaging in activities around the essential world of Precious Pollinators. Students enjoyed being super scientists, identifying, using technology to dissect flowers and magnifying glasses to examine insect specimens, and classifying them. Students also explored the world of bees and made recycled seed-infused paper that can be planted. Thank you to Karen, Amy, and Greg for a great day learning about our precious pollinators.



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 from 8:15 am. 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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LITTLE STEPS

2024 Kindergarten
Transition Program

Friday 25th August
9:25 am to 11:25 am



YEAR 6 - 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Transition Mornings at GHS

- Term 3 - Wednesday 30th August 2023
- Term 4 - Wednesday 18th October 2023

Parent Information Evening

- Term 4 - Thursday 19th October 2023

Orientation Day

- Term 4 - Tuesday 28th November



WELLBEING WEEK

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE PERSON

PAYMENT FREEZE

GPS is transitioning to a new Finance System rollout

Financial Freeze for Gulgong Public School will commence on Wednesday 22nd August up to and including Monday 28th August 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Contact Gulgong Arts Council via artscouncilgulgong@hotmail.com



PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP with director/choreographer Meryl Tankard AO
For 9 yrs old +



P&C FATHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday 30th August 2023

Students will be able to buy a \$5 or \$10 gift

Parent helpers for the stall would be greatly appreciated.
If you are able to help please contact the office on 63741 622