



04 SEPTEMBER 2023

TERM 3 WEEK 8

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



WELLBEING WEEK

Week 7 was wellbeing week at Gulgong Public School this term. Wellbeing week gives staff and students a chance to put positive practices into place to maintain our wellbeing and to stay healthy. During wellbeing week, students were able to be creative, challenge themselves with STEM challenges, play lots of games, buddy read and dress up. Students were able to spend more time outside, be active and participate in an, 'Imaginary World', drawing competition. As a school, we came together and donated money for charity by making a '20cent coin snake' throughout out school. Supporting wellbeing not only helps children and young people to feel happier and less anxious, it will also help them to have positive interactions with the rest of the family and to learn more effectively.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

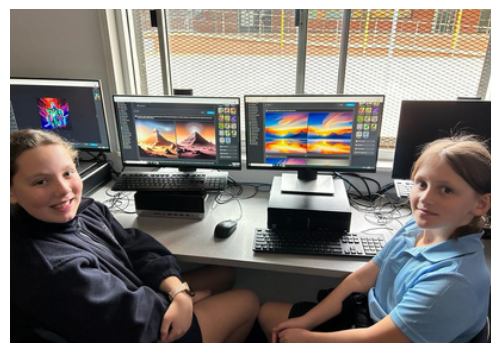
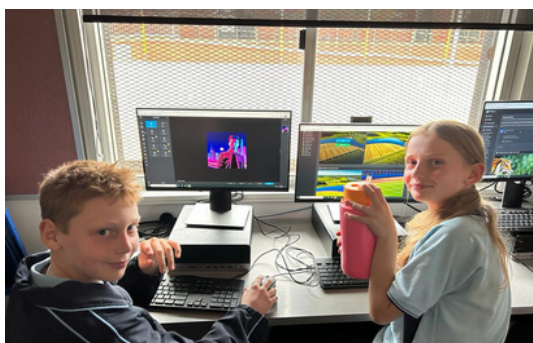
Firstly, I would like to extend my apologies for my recent absences from Gulgong Public School. The past few weeks have been eventful, filled with professional learning opportunities and addressing some health issues related to my back. I am grateful to the entire Gulgong Public School community—students, parents, and fellow staff members—for your understanding, patience, and support during this time. I have missed events, that I would usually love catching up with parents and community members at, such as last Friday's Father's day breakfast. I should be back on deck now and ready to work with our community to get the best for our students.

Over the past few weeks, our Year 5 and 6 students have been diving into the exciting world of technology. They have been exploring the realms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its practical applications, particularly in the realm of visual arts.

One of our exciting ventures included using Pixlr, a powerful photo editing tool, to create breathtaking pictures with the assistance of AI. Additionally, we introduced our students to Chat GPT, a cutting-edge AI model, sparking their creativity and curiosity in this dynamic field. Attached, you will find some photos capturing our students actively engaged in these enriching learning experiences. Our commitment to keeping our students ahead of the curve in technology education remains unwavering. In this rapidly evolving digital age, proficiency in technology is a crucial skill, and we are dedicated to empowering our students with the knowledge and tools they need to thrive in an increasingly tech-driven world.

Thank you once again for your patience and support during my absence, and I look forward to exciting times ahead as we continue to explore and innovate in the world of technology together. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss our technology curriculum further.

Good luck to Gulgong Terriers at the Grand Final this weekend. Go Terriers!



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 Reasoning – think before we act.



CLASS IN FOCUS - MC DUNK

In Term 3, MC Dunk had a lot of fun and kept very busy. In English class, they read "The Very Cranky Bear" series and used it to make cool art.

In math, they learned about measuring lengths and different types of angles like right angles, acute angles, and obtuse angles.

One of the best parts of the term was cooking and shopping. They got to cook and taste their own food, which was awesome and also taught them important skills.

In science, they had exciting STEM afternoons. They had a challenge where they had to make something to protect eggs when dropped from high places. They used their problem-solving skills and learned about science.

Term 3 was a great time for learning and being creative. They studied literature, math, life skills, and science. MC Dunk and their friends did a fantastic job with lots of enthusiasm and hard work!



YEAR 6 INTO 7 TRANSITION

On Wednesday, August 30th, our Year 6 students had their first high school transition morning at Gulgong High School. They attended classes for Ag Studies and English. We want to congratulate our students for their excellent behavior and hard work during this exciting day. They showed maturity and put in a lot of effort, making us proud. This experience helps them get ready for high school and learn about different subjects. We're sure they will continue to do great as they move forward in their education.



FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

On Friday 1st September we held our Father's Day BBQ with Gulgong High School. Thank you to all the families that attended. We hope you had a fabulous morning and enjoyed breakfast.



LITTLE STEPS TO BIG SCHOOL

Week 3 of our Kindergarten 2024 transition program "Little Steps to Big School!" is on next Friday, the 8th of September 2023.





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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CHECK IN ASSESMENT

Students in Year 6 will participate in a reading, writing and numeracy Check-in Assessment this week. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 13th September - Year 3 Dubbo Excursion
- Friday 15th September - Western Athletics
- Monday 18th September - Choir - Sydney (till Wednesday 20th September)
- Monday 26th September to Monday 6th October - Spring Holidays



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Contact Gulgong Arts Council via artscouncilgulgong@hotmail.com



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

