



13 NOVEMBER 2023

TERM 4 WEEK 6

# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

**GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL**



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Friday the 10th of November 2023, our school community came together to observe Remembrance Day in a heartfelt ceremony. The atmosphere was filled with reverence as students and staff joined in reflection, paying tribute to the sacrifices made by our fallen soldiers. The highlight of the event was the display of beautiful wreaths created by each class. These symbolic arrangements, crafted with care and creativity, represented not only the artistic expression of our students but also served as a powerful symbol of remembrance.

The ceremony provided a meaningful opportunity for everyone to pause and honour the bravery and dedication of those who have served our nation. As each wreath was placed with solemn respect, the collective sense of gratitude and remembrance enveloped the school grounds. It was a touching reminder of the importance of acknowledging and preserving the memory of those who gave their all for the values we hold dear. This Remembrance Day ceremony not only united our school community but also fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices that shape our history.







## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Award winners at Assembly

As per our awards policy at Gulgong Public School, parents of Class Champion award winners each 5 weeks will be notified via E-Mail and also a phone call home from Mr Lewis or Mrs Price to let parents know their child is getting an award.

Book award winners or other award winners parents won't be contacted directly, but via E-Mail to alert them to the fact their child is getting an award. We have so many students getting an award that it is impossible to call all parents individually.



### Wilpinjong and Peabody Mining - Bike donations

A massive thanks to Wilpinjong and Peabody mining for their donation of bikes to our Special Education unit today. Mark, Mary Lou, Chloe and Jocelyn came to school to donate the bikes to our students and see their first ride around our Special Education playground. They were a massive hit and a great addition for our students. They will get lots of use in the coming weeks.



### Interesting Facts our students learned from Radio GPS Podcast Interviews:



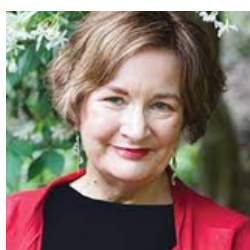
**Olivia Vivian**  
was born with a hole in her respiratory muscle and still managed to compete in the Olympics.



**Tony D'Alberto**  
doesn't own a car. He drives sponsors cars around all the time. His favourite car to drive is a Lamborghini.



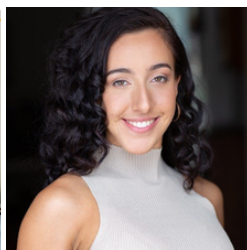
**Brad James**  
doesn't eat anything on game day before he runs out onto the field to represent Gulgong Terriers. Benji also mentioned that this is the same for him.



**Jackie French**  
is dyslexic and her first draft was so bad that the editors read it out to her office as a joke. They loved the book so much they published it.



**Dan Fielding**  
tells us a great story about one of his first arrests involving a trike



**Georgie Fabien**  
a local girl from Gulgong taking on Los Angeles and dancing for all the stars in the US, proving that if you're from Gulgong you can be anything.

## 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 Respectful for School Property".

### TINY STEPS

Tiny Steps is on again this term in the library each Friday morning from 10-11am.

Our Tiny Steps program will run until week 8 this term and then will conclude until Term 1 2024.





## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2024

The Captain and Prefect Speeches will be held on Friday 24th November 2023 (week 7) at 10am in the school hall. All families are welcome to attend. Good luck to our Year 5 students that are running for a student leadership position in 2024.



## 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

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



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### P & C INFORMATION BOOKLET 2023

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During our most recent P&C meeting, the question was raised as to the purpose of the P&C within a school. This would seem a suitable time to outline some of the reasons for a P&C and the processes, roles and responsibilities.

Kids only get one shot at a childhood, and we all must work together to help them reach their full potential.

#### Why have a P&C Association?

A P&C Association enables parents and citizens to meet to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community. The Education Act 1990 ensures that a P&C Association may be established at any government school.

The objects of a P&C Association are to; promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation; assist in providing equipment required by the school, assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activities.

#### Who can join the P&C

Membership of P&C associations is open to all members of the school community: parents, teachers and citizens.

#### Does the P&C make money?

- One of the aims of a P&C Association is to advance education, this is considered a charitable purpose and therefore a non profit organisation. The objectives of your P&C Association focus on the improvement and provision of services to others, particularly children in public school communities.
- The P&C Association can keep profits as long as there is a genuine reason and it is to do with its purpose. For example, a good reason to keep profits may be, to save up for a new project, funding a specific item or accumulating a reserve so it continues to be sustainable.
- No P&C member or officer may receive any remuneration or other material benefit by reason of their position in the P&C Association.

### The role of the School Principal in the P&C

- The Principal is automatically a member of the P&C Association because they are the school's Principal.
- The Principal is entitled to vote and to move and second motions at a meeting and engage in debate.
- As an ex-officio member the Principal cannot stand for election to an office bearer position.
- The Principal cannot be a signatory to a P&C bank account.
- The Principal's role in a P&C meeting is to table a written report to each meeting, respond to questions arising and offer advice on the Department of Education guidelines. The Principal does not have a right of veto or the right to gag P&C Association or sub-committee discussions. However, it is incumbent on the principal to highlight disparities between P&C Association/sub-committee discussions and Department of Education policy.

#### Some benefits of joining the P&C

- Connect people within the school community.
- Promote shared learning goals and collaboration.
- Increase learning opportunities for students. ...
- Support personalised student learning journeys.
- Create an inclusive learning community.
- Encourage shared responsibility.

#### How many people does it take to have a P&C?

Where the association has a current membership of less than 50, the quorum shall be set according to the rules of the association but shall not be less than five.

If after 15 minutes of the advertised start time you do not have quorum then you cannot meet.

#### How often does the P&C meet?

Typically on a monthly basis at the school, holidays excluded. Meetings typically last 45 minutes.

#### If we don't have five members in total are we still a P&C Association?

No

**WE NEED YOU!**



Much of the material here comes from the NSW P&C Federation website <https://www.pandc.org.au/fags/>







## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 15 November - Parent Information Evening -Yr 6 2024 Canberra/Thredbo Excursion
- Monday 27 November - Tea Gardens Excursion
- Thursday 30 December - K-2 Intensive Swimming begins
- Friday 8 December - Primary Rewards Day
- Wednesday 13 December - Moving Up Day
- Thursday 14 December - Yr 6 Farewell, School Presentation Day

**Summer Break**  
**Friday 15 December 2023**  
to  
**Thursday 1 February 2024**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Summer 7's**

Do you want to play soccer over summer?

**JOIN US!**

**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**

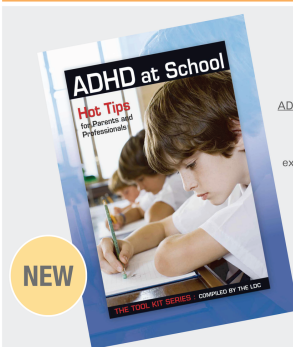
**FINAL ROUND**  
**13-03-2024**

Register on playfootball:  
Gulgong Lions Summer 7's

\$50 per player  
Max 10 players per team



## THE TOOL KIT SERIES



**NEW**

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

**\$17**

non-LDC Members

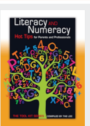
**ADHD SCHOOL BUNDLE: SAVE 20%**



LDC Member Price \$38 plus PH



LDC non-member Price \$54 plus PH



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Sale ends 31 Dec 2023

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# WYNNE PRIZE 2023

Mudgee Arts Precinct has the pleasure of inviting you to the opening of the Wynne Prize 2023, an Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition.

When

**Friday 1 December**  
**6.00 – 8.00pm**

Where

**Mudgee Arts Precinct**  
**90 Market Street**  
**Mudgee NSW 2850**

RSVP

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by Friday 24 November