



04 NOVEMBER 2024

TERM 4 WEEK 4

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION

On Monday, 28th October, Gulgong Public School celebrated Grandparents Day! It was a joy to see so many families, especially our wonderful grandparents, spending quality time with their grandchildren in our open classrooms. The day was filled with smiles, stories, and precious memories.

A special moment was when Mrs. Alisa Campbell shared a photo of our school from 1960, offering a glimpse into our history. This photo was extra meaningful as Alisa herself was a teacher here back then, adding a personal touch to our celebration.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this memorable day, honouring both learning and legacy!





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

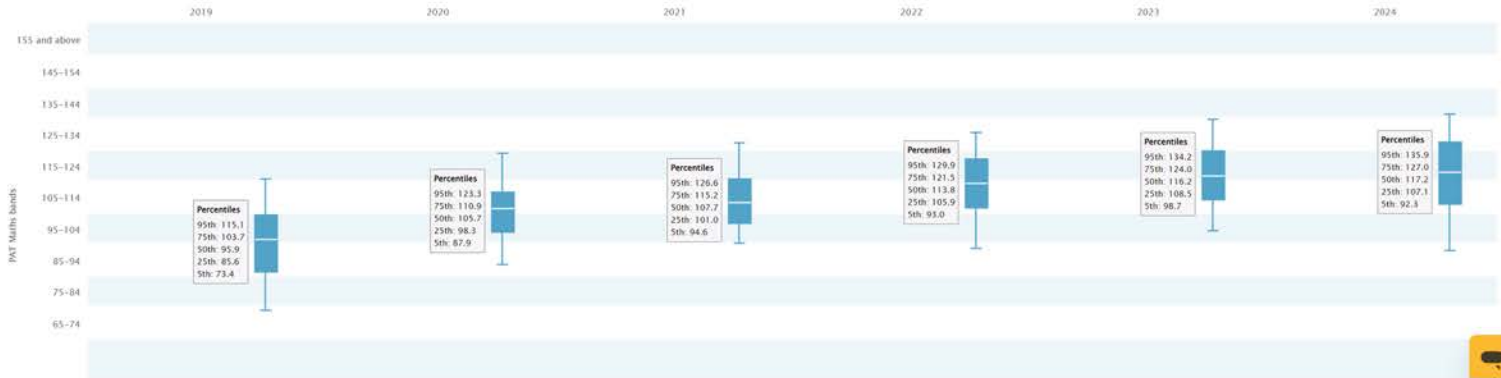
Celebrating Academic Growth at Gulgong Public School

We are delighted to share the remarkable progress our students have made in both reading and numeracy over the past few years, as evidenced by our recent PAT assessment results. The dedication of our students and staff has led to significant improvements, and we have every reason to celebrate!



PAT Maths 2019 – 2024 644 results

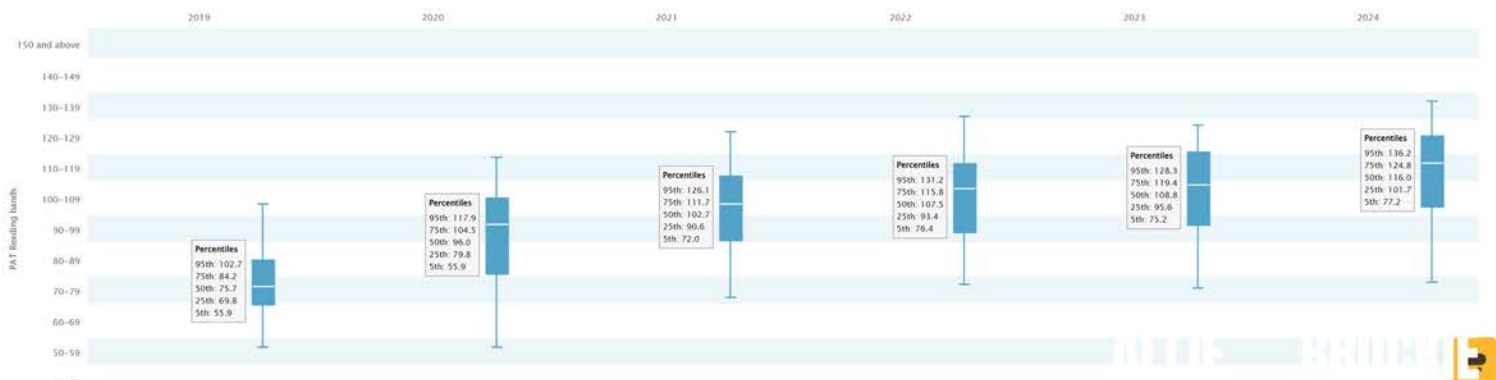
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Looking at the PAT Mathematics results from 2019 to 2024, we can see a clear upward trend. In 2019, the median score for our students was 95.9. Fast forward to 2024, and that score has risen to an impressive 127.0. This demonstrates not only the hard work of our students but also the effective teaching strategies employed by our staff. The percentage of students achieving in the higher bands has also increased, reflecting enhanced confidence and skills in mathematics. Our staff's work with Lyn Coote from CTed around teaching the maths has paid off remarkably well.

PAT Reading 2019 – 2024 644 results

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In reading, our students have shown similar growth. Starting from a median score of 75.7 in 2019, we have now reached a remarkable 116.0 in 2024. This upward trajectory indicates that our literacy programs are successfully engaging students and fostering a love for and greater understanding of reading. Our implementation of the InitiaLit program has been a huge success, targeting our students exact point of need for their reading. The increase in students achieving higher percentiles is a testament to the commitment of our teachers in delivering quality education and tailored support to meet each student's needs.

These results are not just numbers; they represent the dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm of our students and staff. We believe that every student can achieve their best, and these improvements illustrate that belief in action. As we move forward, we will continue to build on this success, celebrating our students' achievements while striving for even greater heights in learning. Thank you to our teachers, staff, and families for your ongoing support. Together, we are shaping the future of our students.



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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 4 is "Being Responsible for my belongings".

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Congratulations to class 6W who won Term 4 Week 3 highest growth in attendance at GPS award. As a reward 6W have picked this weeks bell song - Thick of it by KSI.

ATTENDANCE

Families will receive a text message from the school if their child is away, can you please reply to this message ASAP. Alternatively you can add an attendance note on the Parent Portal on Sentral.

TINY STEPS

Tiny Steps will continue to run every Friday this term from 10-11am in the school library. All families who have children not yet at school are welcome to attend.



2024 CAPTAIN AND PREFECT SPEECHES

With 2025 fast approaching, it is time to look to the new student leaders for our school. Student leaders play a very important role in a school. These students lead by example in class, in the playgrounds and provide stability in our organisation of many school events that students engage in. The Captain and Prefect Speeches will be held on Thursday 21st November, 2024 (week 6) at 10am in the school hall. The successful group of students will be announced on our Presentation Day which is being held on 17th December, 2024. All parents and Carers are invited to attend.

Passports to Leadership and notes have been discussed and sent home with students in Year 5 who would like to run for 2025 Captain and Prefects. Passports to Leadership are due back to Mrs Price by Friday 8th November, 2024. (week 4)

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Gulgong Public School is excited to announce our Christmas Spectacular & Fete on the 12th of December 2024! This wonderful event will be held on the GPS playground, with the fete running from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the concert kicking off from 6:00 pm onwards. It promises to be a festive evening full of holiday cheer, entertainment, and fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars and join us for a night of community spirit and celebration as we close out the year in style. Don't miss out—save the date and come share in the joy of the season!





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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

TERM 4

Week 4 - Friday 8th November full day - 9.25 am - 3:15 pm

Week 5 - Friday 15th November full day - 9.25 am - 3:15 pm



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Scan to Register for
Little Steps to Big
School Orientation
program





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YEAR 5

BLUE MOUNTAINS

EXCURSION

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024



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Year 4

TEA GARDENS

Week 8 Term 4

2nd - 4th December

PAYMENTS

- Blue Mountains Excursion - Overdue
- Tea Gardens - Full Payment - Due on 25th October 2024
- School Spectacular - Full payment - Due on 31 October 2024
- Swimming for Sport - Notes - Due - No payment required.



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Christmas Spectacular & Fete

DEC **12** 2024

Fete : 4.30pm - 6pm
Concert: 6pm onwards

**Interested in being a stall holder?
Contact us on 02 6374 1622.**



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

We're coming to your community



**We're bringing NSW Government services to:
Gulgong Wednesday 6 November 2024**

10AM - 3PM

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.



Find us at:

Gulgong Memorial Hall
112 Herbert Street





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COMMUNITY EVENTS

HEART GULGONG

An initiative of the Gulgong Chamber of Commerce



Information Sessions

Thursday 7th November 2024

10am for 10:30am start
&
7pm for 7:30pm start

**Gulgong CWA Hall
Herbert Street Gulgong**

*Join us for tea, coffee and cake
prior to and after each session*

Bookings to
gulgongheartbeat@gulgong.com.au
or
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- Gain confidence and learn how to use an AED and perform CPR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TOWARDS 2040 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN



Council is currently undertaking a review of its Community Plan in order to develop future common goals and priorities with our community.

Have your say.



What do you love about living the region?

What would you like to improve in the region?

Please complete the details below

Prefer not to complete

TOWN/VILLAGE

POSTCODE

AGE

5-7

11-13

17+

8-10

14-16

GENDER

Male

Female

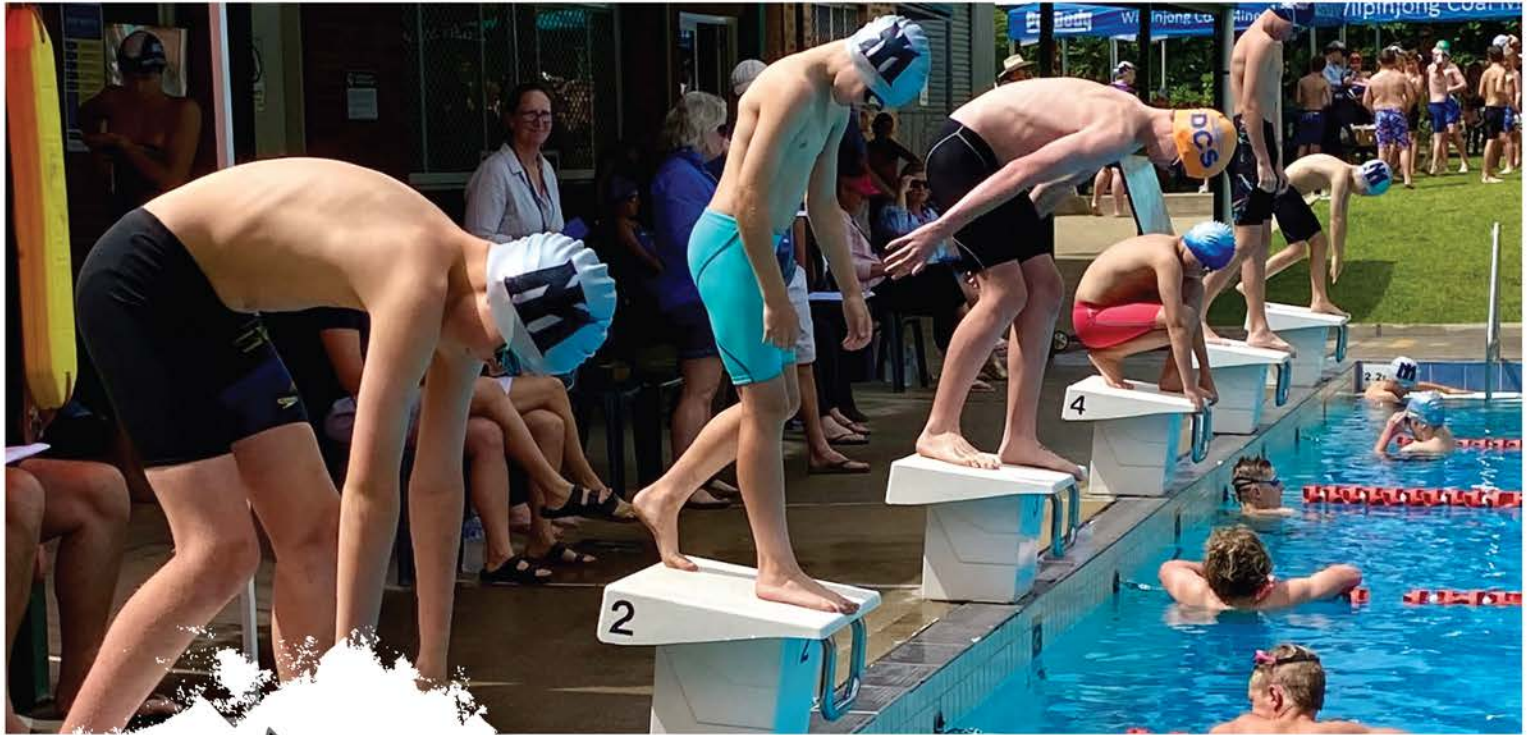
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**MUDGEE
MARLINS**
SWIM CLUB

2024/25 CLUB NIGHTS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN

Fortnightly Wednesdays at Mudgee Swimming Pool at 6pm.
Registrations are now open via SwimCentral.
Download the Swim Club Connect App to nominate weekly events.

Mudgee Marlins is ideal for school age kids who are keen to learn new skills as well as improve their racing techniques and times. In addition, a 'FULL SWIMMER' membership gives you the opportunity to represent Mudgee by competing in local and regional carnivals! Alternatively, a 'CLUB ONLY' membership lets you enjoy all the benefits of club nights as well as 'Skills + Drills' sessions with our club coach!

OCT (23) (30) NOV (13) (27) DEC (11) (18) FEB (5) (12) (26) MAR (12) (26) APR (9)

PLEASE NOTE: 2 consecutive weeks at the end of term 4 (before the school holidays) and 2 consecutive weeks when we return in 2025 (to prepare for school carnivals)



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mudgee/Gulgong Connect THURSDAY SERVICE



TIMES

Depart	Gulgong Coach Stop - Herbert Street (Memorial Hall) or/ from nominated address within Gulgong 50kmh limit.	9.00am* (depending on point of origin)
Arrive	Mudgee Various locations, scan QR for further details.	10.00am*

RETURN

Depart	Mudgee	2.00pm*
Arrive	Gulgong	3.00-3.30pm*

*Times are approximate guide only

INFORMATION

BOOKINGS

Online scan QR code or visit

<https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-copy-of-mudgee-connect-bus/tickets>

Phone 0428 741 078 or 0488 741 079
(leave a message)

Bookings close Wednesday 4pm - day prior to the trip

TICKETS

\$3.60 Adult one way

\$1.80 Child/Concession one way

\$2.50 RED Ticket (All day)

Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

In buses up to 12 seats children aged 0-7 must be in an approved child seat. This service has three child restraints for use on request, 24 hours notice is required.

Vsn 20Aug2024



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TRADITIONAL NON-CONTACT KARATE

For Kids



AGE

5 YEARS & OVER

DAY

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

TIME

06:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

VENUE

**GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
SMALL HALL**



3.50 per class

COACH

HARVEY

0427 435 930



Dento Ryu Karate-Do



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NSW Department of Education

Are you looking for part-time work and want to make a difference?

Become an Assisted Travel Support Officer

The Department of Education is looking for Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) to work on a temporary basis during the school year.

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) provides specialised transport to eligible students with disability, to ensure their safe travel to and from school.



How to apply

Scan the QR code to find out more about the ASTP and applying to become an ATSO, or visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/astp-atsos>

Phone: 1300 338 278





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WHAT IS A GROWTH ROOM?

A free and confidential space for blokes supporting other blokes through the challenges of life. Led by trained members of your local community with shared and lived experience. A chance to have a cuppa, a yarn, blow off some steam and check in with the other fellas. A growth room is your chance to work towards better mental health and an improved quality of life.



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JOIN US AT MUDGEES GROWTH ROOM

When: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 – 8pm

Location: The Cultural Workshops, 2-6 Douro Street, Mudgee

To register go to:

lifelinecentralwest.org.au/growthrooms

or contact us on 1300 798 258 for more info



A joint project between Lifeline Central West and Mid-Western Regional Council