



02 DECEMBER 2024

TERM 4 WEEK 8

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



GPS CHOIR AT THE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

On 29th November, our School Choir gave their first performance at the School Spectacular, and it was amazing! After two days of rehearsals, the students showed how hard they had worked, and we couldn't be prouder. They performed again that evening and twice more the next day. Between performances, the students enjoyed Spec Fest, with live music, tasty food, and lots of fun. School Spectacular was everything we hoped for and more. Singing with 3,200 students was truly breathtaking and the students even made new friends from other schools. It was an unforgettable experience for everyone!





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What an amazing term it has been so far! As we head into the final three weeks of the year, there's so much to look forward to for our students and the whole school community. From exciting events to special celebrations, it's a wonderful way to wrap up the year together. Let's finish strong!

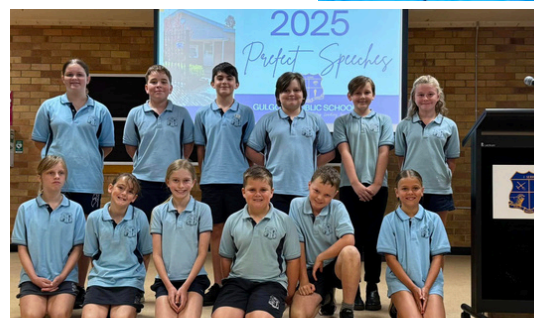


Last Thursday **Ambrose Caswell** competed in the **National Track and Field Championships** in Sydney for Discus throw. Ambrose threw a new PB (Personal Best) of 38.51 to place him 7th in Australia for discus in his age division. This was Ambrose's first National Championships and to throw a new PB is amazing. Our school and I am sure whole community is so proud of his achievements and wish him all the best in his Athletics career.



2025 School Leadership - Prefect Election

On Thursday 21st November, 12 of our outstanding student leaders delivered inspiring speeches for the 2025 Prefect positions. They demonstrated their passion and dedication during this special event. Following the speeches, all students and staff cast their votes online to have their say in choosing their School Captains and Prefects for 2025. The election results will be revealed during the School Presentation Day on Tuesday, the 17th of December.



On the last day of the **Little Steps to Big School** program, students enjoyed a special Teddy Bear picnic. They participated in a bear hunt in the playground and completed various fun activities in class. The Kinder 2025 students shared lunch and recess with their Year buddies and loved playing in the big playground. Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Chandler are excited to welcome everyone back next year. We wish you a wonderful holiday and can't wait to see you all again soon!



Last week, we celebrated **Wellbeing Week** by thinking about **what brings us joy, what kindness looks like and what we hope for in the future**. We made signs around the school for students to write and share their thoughts. At lunch times, our House Captains organised some sports including soccer, skipping and egg and spoon races. It was a great fun atmosphere listening to music during break times. We celebrated the hard work of our teachers with lunch and some tasty afternoon treats.

Year 4 Tea Gardens

This week our Year 4 students are off on their first major excursion. Miss Holt, Mr. Armstrong, Oliver and Skye have taken our students to The Great Aussie Bush Camp. I am sure they will enjoy themselves and keep an eye on our Facebook account for photos and updates from the excursion.

Our **P & C** are looking to get **Healthy Harold Life Education van** to come to Gulgong Public School in the first week of school next year. This would be a great opportunity for students to engage in this fun learning activity at no cost. Permission notes will go on Sentral shortly.

Furthermore, we have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead!

- **Christmas Spectacular and Fete – Thursday, 12th December.**
- **Rewards Day – Friday, 13th December.**
- **Colour Run – Friday, 13th December.**
- **School Annual Presentation Day – Tuesday, 17th December.**
- **Year 6 Farewell – Tuesday evening, 17th December.**

We look forward to celebrating these wonderful events with our school community!



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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 8 is “being Respectful and Kind to each other”.

INFANTS INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM

The Infants Intensive Swim Program is into its second week! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to improve their swimming skills and build confidence in the water, so please ensure that your child brings their swimmers and all essential items for swimming, including a towel, sunscreen and any other necessary equipment.

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.

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Congratulations to class MC DUNK who won Term 4 Week 7 highest growth in attendance at GPS award. As a reward MC DUNK have picked this weeks bell song “Cry by Benson Boon”.

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.

TINY STEPS CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Join us for the Tiny Steps Christmas Picnic at the Gulgong Public School playground on Friday, 13th December, from 10:00am to 11:00am. Bring along a picnic rug and a plate to share as we celebrate the festive season with the Tiny Steps community. We look forward to seeing you there for some holiday cheer!



JAR TOMBOLA

Empty jars are heading home this afternoon, ready for a creative twist! Fill your jar with something fun, delicious, or exciting—think sweets, small toys, or craft items—something you’d love to win yourself! Each returned jar earns your child a token and one entry per jar into the next draw. This time, there’s a BigW gift voucher up for grabs! Let’s make it amazing!



CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Our Christmas Spectacular & Fete on Thursday the 12th of December 2024! This event will be held on the GPS playground, with the fete running from 4:30pm to 6:00pm and the concert kicking off from 6:00 pm onwards. 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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PAYMENTS:

- Friday 13th December - Colour Run Rewards Day - \$10 - Due Friday 6th of December
- Tuesday 17th December - Year 6 Farewell - \$20 - Due by Friday 6th of December

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**K-2 STUDENTS
WEEK 7 & 8
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**INFANTS
INTENSIVE
SWIMMING**

**MC - THURSDAYS
STAGE 2 - FRIDAYS
STAGE 3 - THURSDAYS**

**SWIMMING
FOR
SPORT**

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**GULGONG'S
GOT
TALENT**

AUDITIONS
THROUGHOUT WEEK 9
SCHOOL SMALL HALL

GRAND FINALE
18 DEC 2024
SCHOOL SMALL HALL

**ALL TALENTS
Welcome**

\$2 ENTRY
Prizes to be won

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**Christmas Spectacular
& Fete**

DEC 12 2024

SAVE THE DATE

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

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GPS COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2024

**YEAR 6
FAREWELL
DINNER**

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024
GULGONG BOWLING CLUB
FROM 5.30 PM

CLASS OF 2024

SAVE THE DATE



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Christmas Spectacular & Fete

DEC **12** 2024

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



STALLS



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

2024

Carols in the Park

15th December
Anzac Park - Gulgong

Wet weather venue - Presbyterian Church Hall, Bayly Street Gulgong

BBQ 6.30pm followed by carols at
7pm and a message from Minister
Andy Warner

Presented by Gulgong Presbyterian Church and the
combined Churches of Gulgong



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COMMUNITY EVENTS



SwimVAC 2025

Enrol your kids for summer!

The SwimVAC Program is designed for children aged 6 months to 14 years and aims to help as many kids as possible reach the National Benchmarks for swimming and water safety.



**Swim
and
SURVIVE**



Program Dates

13 January to 24 January 2025



Bookings Open

1 October 2024



More Information

drowningprevention.org.au



(02) 9634 3700



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ROYAL LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Book your free breast screen at our mobile van in **Gulgong**



Where

Gulgong Showground
Guntawang Street
Gulgong NSW 2852

- 20 minutes could save your life
- Female radiographers
- No referral required & it's free



When

Monday 2nd - Monday 9th December 2024

Call us on

13 20 50

or book online at
breastscreen.nsw.gov.au



We recommend women aged 40+ have a breast screen every two years.
Book your free breast screen online at book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au
or call **13 20 50**.



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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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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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TIMETABLE/
BOOKINGS

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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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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