



TERM 2 WEEK 8

16 JUNE 2025

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONS GATHERED AT GPS

On Friday 13th June, Gulgong Public School proudly hosted the NSW Primary Schools Chess Competition – Mudgee Zone Tournament. It was a fantastic day filled with focus, strategy, and friendly competition as schools from across our region came together to battle it out on the chessboard.

The tournament was expertly run by Richard Gastineau-Hills from the NSW Junior Chess League, who guided students through the games and ensured everything ran smoothly. The event showcased the growing interest in chess among primary school students and gave them a chance to test their skills against peers from other schools.

We'd like to thank all participating schools for being part of this wonderful day. A special thank you to Mrs Campbell for her hard work and organisation in making the event such a success.

Well done to all our players who represented GPS with pride and great sportsmanship!





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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a wonderful past few weeks it's been at Gulgong Public School, full of community spirit, sporting achievements, and student success.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent fundraising event at the Gulgong Races. We are incredibly grateful to our generous school community! Special thanks to our amazing helpers—Rachel, Susan, Skye, Brennan and our dedicated staff Mrs Parkins, Mrs Auckett, Mr Johnson, Miss Mace and Kylie for their hard work. Thank you also to all families for donating drinks and lollies, the Lawson family for the lamb, Davies Butcher, Butchers on Mayne, and Gulgong High School for use of their kitchen. It was a huge team effort and a big success!

A huge thank you to our wonderful GPS school community and staff for coming along and supporting the Gulgong Henry Lawson Heritage Festival. We were proud to have 85 students take part in the bush dancing and parade, alongside 10 dedicated staff who helped make the day run smoothly. It was a beautiful winter morning in Gulgong, full of energy, smiles, and community spirit. We can't wait to do it all again next year.

On Tuesday the 10th of June, some of our MC students had a brilliant time at the Boccia Tournament in Dubbo. The students showed fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. We're proud of every one of them for representing GPS with such joy and pride.

We also celebrated our talented choir who won first place in both their categories at the Gulgong Eisteddfod, an amazing achievement that reflects their hard work and dedication.

Special Congratulations to Rylan Mitchell, who represented Cudgegong Zone PSSA at the last week's Western PSSA cross country trials in Orange and qualified for the Western Team. Rylan will run at the State titles next term in Sydney. Well done Rylan, we are so proud of you.

Lastly, we hosted the NSW Primary Schools Chess Competition – Mudgee Zone Tournament at Gulgong High School. Students from across the region joined us for a fun and focused day of chess. A big thank you to Richard Gastineau-Hills and Mrs Campbell for running the day so smoothly.

Please remember to return permission notes and payments for the upcoming Rewards Excursions. These days are a celebration of students' effort and behaviour this semester.

Looking ahead, we're excited for a few key events to finish off the term:

- Athletics Carnival – Friday 27th June
- Week 10 Assembly – Wednesday 2nd July. Families are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate student achievements with Class Champion Awards and Book Awards. During the assembly students who have achieved 95% attendance or higher this term will go into the draw to win a \$100 voucher from Bonito Gulgong and a \$25 voucher from Stacks. A big thank you to these generous local businesses for supporting our students.





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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.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to KC who won Week 7 Term 2 highest attendance award at GPS. KC picked our bell song this week.



UNIFORM

Thank you to our school community for ensuring their child/children are coming to school in their school uniform each day. We have noticed an improvement since last week. We will continue to monitor this at school. The school also has some second hand uniforms available. Please call the school if you have any questions in regard to school uniform. This week's uniform winner is Torbjorn Nielsen.



4 Rs - 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 "Reasoning - Think before we act". This means that students think about and explain their choices, strategies and understandings. When students reason, it helps them make smart choices, solve problems, understand the world around them and shows other people what they know. It helps students to use their imagination to take risks, assess themselves against learning criteria, choose the best method and say why, learn from their mistakes and to listen to different opinions

4Rs Gulgong Public School Learners:		
 RESILIENT	We jump back in to learning, even when it is hard.	RESILIENT LEARNERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are persistent • Use feedback to improve • Have a positive attitude • Have a go at different ways to get the right answer • Take time to do something properly
 RESPONSIBLE	We are trusted to make appropriate choices.	RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work effectively as part of a team • Listen to and use feedback • Get on with our work • Act in the right way • Learn in different ways
 RESPECTFUL	We notice how what we do affects ourselves and other people.	RESPECTFUL LEARNERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay calm and listen carefully • Show good manners to everyone • Give feedback in a respectful way • Treat each other kindly • Treat equipment well
 REASONING	We think about and explain our choices, strategies and understandings.	REASONING LEARNERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use their imagination to take risks • Ask relevant questions and gather evidence • Choose the best method and explain why • Learn from mistakes • Consider different opinions

TINY STEPS

Tiny Steps runs every Friday this term and will be on in our school library from 10-11am. All families with children who have not started school are welcome to attend.





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STAGE 1 RED HILL EXCURSION

Stage 1 students will be heading out on an exciting local excursion to Red Hill Environmental Education Centre this week as part of their Earth's Resources unit. Students will walk to the centre and spend the day exploring and learning about the natural environment. Please ensure your child comes in sports uniform with suitable walking shoes, a hat, and a low-waste packed lunch. The cost is \$7.50, payable via School Bytes ASAP. We look forward to a fun and educational day outdoors!



WELLBEING WEEK

This week is Wellbeing Week at Gulgong Public School, and we have a fantastic line-up of activities to help our students relax, connect with friends, and have some fun together! We'll kick off with Mindfulness Monday, where students will enjoy calming activities to promote a positive mindset. On Tuesday, it's time to get cosy for a whole-school Movie Afternoon—students are encouraged to bring along their pillows or bean bags! Wednesday brings double the fun with a Board Game Afternoon and Wacky Hair Day—students can bring their favourite games and come to school with their wildest hairstyles. All week long, students can enter our Wellbeing Poster Competition with creative designs due by Friday. On Thursday, we dive into hands-on activities with a STEM and Craft Afternoon, and we'll wrap up the week on Friday with a Sporting Team Colours Mufti Day. It's going to be a positive and exciting week full of great vibes and great memories!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We're looking forward to a great day of fun and friendly competition at our Athletics Carnival on Friday 27th June (Week 9) at Victoria Park. Students should be dropped off directly at the oval between 8.55am and 9.25am. Please do not arrive earlier than 8.55am. At the end of the day, all students will return to school and be picked up at the usual time of 3.25pm. Don't forget – BBQ lunch orders need to be returned to the school as soon as possible. We can't wait to see our students giving their best and cheering each other on!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Week 8 Wednesday to Friday - 18th to 20th June - Stage 1 Red Hill Excursion
- Athletics Carnival - Friday 27th June
- NAIDOC Assembly - Wednesday 1st July - GHS Gymanisum

PAYMENTS:

- Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - 4th Instalment - \$100 - Due by 30 May 2025
- Year 4 Tea Gardens Excursion - 2nd Instalment - \$50 - Due by 30 May 2025



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4Rs

Gulgong Public School Learners are:

Resilient



We jump back in to learning, even when it is hard.

When we are resilient it helps us grow, learn and handle challenges in life. It makes us stronger and more confident.

RESILIENT LEARNERS:

- Are persistent
- Use feedback to improve
- Have a positive attitude
- Have a go at different ways to get the right answer
- Take time to do something properly



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Gulgong Public School Learners are:

Responsible



We are trusted to make appropriate choices.

When we are responsible, people know they can trust us. It helps us become more independent and makes our school a better place.

RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS:

- Work effectively as part of a team
- Listen to and use feedback
- Get on with my work
- Know right from wrong
- Learn in different ways



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Gulgong Public School Learners are:

Respectful



We notice how what we do affects ourselves and other people.

When we are respectful, everyone feels safe and equally important. It makes friendships, families and our community stronger.

RESPECTFUL LEARNERS:

- Stay calm and listen carefully
- Show good manners to everyone
- Give feedback in a respectful way
- Treat each other kindly
- Treat equipment well



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Gulgong Public School Learners use:

Reasoning



We think about and explain our choices, strategies and understandings.

When we reason, it helps us make smart choices, solve problems, understand the world around us and shows other people what we know.

REASONING LEARNERS:

- Use my imagination to take risks
- Assess ourselves against the Success Criteria
- Choose the best method and say why
- Learn from mistakes
- Listen to different opinions



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SCHOOL CANTEN MENU

SANDWICHES AND ROLLS

Meat and salad	\$7.00
Meat and salad roll	\$7.50
Salad sandwich	\$6.50
Salad roll	\$7.00
Ham	\$4.00
Chicken	\$5.00
Ham, cheese and tomato	\$5.50
Chicken, lettuce and mayo	\$6.00
Meat and pickles	\$4.00
Tomato	\$2.00
Cheese and tomato	\$2.50
Egg, lettuce and mayo	\$5.00
Egg	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Bread rolls	\$1.50
Spaghetti	\$3.00
Baked beans	\$3.00
Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese and vegemite	\$3.00
Toasted	+\$0.50

SALADS

Salad bowl	\$9.00
Meat and salad bowl	\$10.00

WRAPS

Salad	\$8.00
Chicken and salad	\$9.00
Ham and salad	\$9.00
Tender wrap	\$10.00

WRAPS

Sauce	\$0.50
Fork/spoon	\$0.20
Lunch bag	\$0.20

HOT FOOD

Hot dog	\$4.50
Hamburger with salad	\$7.00
Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Flame grilled chicken burger	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$4.50
Pie	\$5.00
Beef/Chicken noodles	\$3.00
Hot cheese roll	\$2.50
Mac and cheese	\$5.00
Lasagna	\$5.00
Tempura nuggets tray	\$5.00

DESSERT

Frozen juice cups	\$1.50
Mony (Blue/raspberry)	\$1.50
Quelch sticks	\$1.00

DRINKS

Water	\$3.00
Large milk 500ml (High School)	\$4.50
Small milk 300ml	\$3.50
99% juice popper	\$2.50
Glee	\$3.00

SNACKS

Sugar free jelly	\$1.00
Rice cracker and cheese	\$2.50
Custard	\$2.00
Sultanas	\$1.00
Airpopped popcorn	\$2.00
Grain waves	\$2.00
Cheese sticks	\$1.00
Fruit salad cup	\$2.00
Yoghurt	\$3.00





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P&C UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers of Gulong Public School Community, at our last meeting, we weren't able to hold our AGM due to low numbers — so we're giving it another go! I'd love to invite you to join us for the P&C Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25th June at 5:30pm at the Gulgong RSL Club.

This is our chance to elect a new committee and keep building the strong, supportive community our school is known for. Whether you're keen to be involved or just want to listen in, your presence really does make a difference.

Our much-anticipated school disco is coming up next week, and we're excited to see everyone dressed up for the movie character theme – it's sure to be a fun night for all!

At the moment, we're raising funds to help connect power to our new shed, which will support school and community events into the future. Every contribution helps us get closer to this goal!

We'd also like to thank everyone who supported our Mother's Day stall and raffle. It was a fantastic success, and we hope all our wonderful mums had a special day and enjoyed their gifts.

Lastly, we'll be firing up the BBQ at the Athletics Carnival, so come by and grab a bite while cheering on the students!

Thank you for your ongoing support – it's our amazing school community that makes all of this possible.

Hope to see you there!

Kylie Webster

President, Gulgong Public School P&C

P & C AGM Meeting

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2025

Gulgong RSL club boardroom

All
position
will be
vacant



DISCO NIGHT

»» MOVIE CHARECTER THEMED ««

THURSDAY MAY 26 | 6 - 7:30 PM

CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN

- Cheese & Gravy Rolls
- Lollies
- Ice Blocks
- Drinks

ENTRY

\$5



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MUDGEES **LEARN TO SWIM INTENSIVE PROGRAM** **JULY 7-11TH 2025**

When: 7th-11th July

Time: 4pm-7pm (various time slots)

Where: Mudgee PCYC Pool

Ages: 3-12 years old

Cost: Free

visit:

www.platformandco.com.au/bookings

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PCYC Pool

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Upcoming education session:

Parenting when separated

Learn about your:

- Rights
- Responsibilities &
- Remedies

Education session: Parenting when separated



Delivered by Western NSW Community Legal Centre.

Who is this session for? Women who like to know more about parenting when separated and the family law system.

When is this session? 10am on Thursday 31st July 2025.

Where is this session held? Mudgee Community Health Service, located on the Lower Ground Floor of Mudgee Health Service/ Hospital.

To register, scan QR code and complete online form before 23rd July 2025.

Want more information? Please contact Ainslee- 02 5319 8100



Western NSW
Community Legal Centre Inc



Western NSW
Local Health District



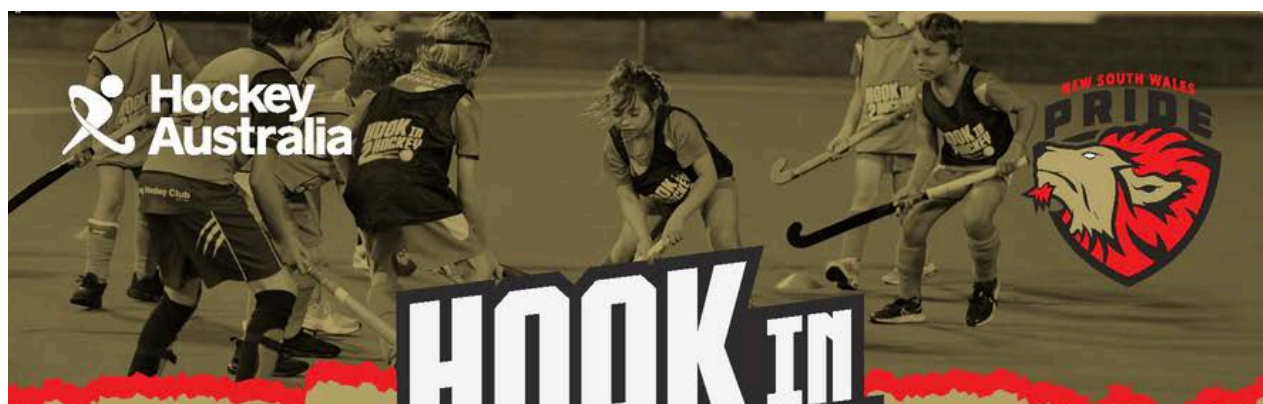
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HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY


GET STARTED WITH HOOKIN2HOCKEY

Thursdays in Term 3 @ 5.30-6.30pm
10-week program for primary schoolers
Glen Willow Field 8 - Mudgee
Contact: maree.hockey@gmail.com
Cost: \$31.34

**OPTIONAL
EQUIPMENT
PACK**



REGISTER BELOW



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2GETHER WE GIVE

2GETHER WE GIVE is a working group of local members committed to making a difference through community-driven fundraising. Our mission is to support wider local families, uplift those in need, and support families when a tragedy strikes. Whether it's someone needing urgent care, funds for treatment, assistance after a house fire or someone has been involved in an accident, we believe in the power of community to create lasting change. Our aim is to hold events to raise money to have readily available to assist people in our region so that we don't have to scramble and hold fundraisers at short notice and this seems to be the case often. We believe that holding a variety of fundraisers over time and with the support of businesses and our community members that we can strive, maintain and achieve a very positive aid in our community.



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All Weather Activity

Experience the fun
rain, hail or shine!



Free Trial Classes

Wed 4 years+ 4.30-5.15

Thur 8 years+ 4.40-5.30

Sat 4-7yrs & 8yrs+ 9-9.45

For all other classes visit
gymisfun.com

Redeem your **Active
Kids Vouchers** for
Term 2 Gymnastics!



REGISTER NOW

gymisfun.com sacha@gymisfun.com



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We're coming to your community



**We're bringing NSW Government services to:
Gulgong Wednesday, 2 July 2025**

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



1300 363 622



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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



Dento Ryu Karate-Do

COACH

HARVEY

0427 435 930