



GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

In Focus

LEARNING TODAY - LEADING TOMORROW

Term 3, Week 4

13 August, 2018

Calendar

August

Wednesday 15th August Education Week Celebrations

Tuesday 21st Aug - Friday 24th August
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

September

Friday 7th September Supporters for Bale Day

Friday 28th September End of Term 3



"I reckon it was funny when we made the comic thing." Lacey, 3/4 Blue

"It was awesome!" Hayley, 3/4 Blue

"This dude is crazy!", Samantha, 3/4 Green

Mudgee Young Readers Festival



Last Friday, students from Stage 2 visited Cudgegong Valley Public School to watch a presentation by author and illustrator Matt Stanton, as part of the Mudgee Young Readers' Festival.

Matt Stanton is the author and illustrator of the Funny Kid series, as well as several other children's books. He presented a very entertaining talk to students about how he uses his 'big butts' to create his characters and build story lines for his books.

He also spoke about his passion for writing originating from his experiences in primary school as an 11 year old, where his ability to make people laugh through story writing was first realised.



Teachers are Learning with World Leader

Today we have sent five teachers over to Dubbo for an in-service course on visible learning. World leader in education John Hattie is delivering the course. This has been a primary focus of Gulgong Public School this year. It allows students to identify exactly what they have to learn each lesson.

This is a wonderful learning opportunity for our staff and they will bring this knowledge back and implemented it in their classrooms and across the school.



Kristy Wilson with Professor John Hattie. Kristy won a book for Gulgong Public School for her outstanding participation in the course.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Education Week 2018

Hundreds of schools across New South Wales this week have been celebrating one of the biggest events on the school calendar, Education Week 2018.

Education Week is an opportunity for our teachers and students to show the community the modern learning taking place in their schools.

To celebrate Education week we would like to invite parents and community members to come in for an assembly, BBQ and Open Classrooms across the Public and High School.

*On Wednesday 15th Gulgong High School will host a joint Assembly highlighting the talents of Public and High school students. This will **begin at 10.00**, then at 11.00 we will hold a joint BBQ outside the High School kitchen for all students and community members. Following on from that and to show the talents of our staff and students, we will open our classrooms for parents to come in and visit their children. All classes will be completing an Art lesson during this time and parents are encouraged to help their students in this time.*

Education Week provides schools an opportunity to showcase the diverse range of educational programs on offer to our Public Education system. So whether it's this week or in weeks to come ...
"Come along and join in".

School Readiness Test

This term in Week 6 Gulgong Public School will once again be participating in the NAPLAN Online school readiness test. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' designed to help schools assess their technical and administrative readiness for the transition to NAPLAN Online

In Week 6, Year 5 and Year 3 will be sitting the readiness test. The readiness test will involve our students sitting two, 40-minute assessments, a writing test and a combined numeracy/literacy test. (Year 3 students will not participate in the writing test).

Student participation in the readiness test is an opportunity for them to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format. It is not an assessment of student ability and there will be no reporting of student results.

It is important to note that participation in the school readiness test has no effect on students' NAPLAN results from the tests students sat in May.

More information about NAPLAN Online is available on the department's

NAPLAN Online website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online>



Bus leaves at 7am on Tuesday 21st August, please be at school at 6.45 am.

Students are reminded to put their name on all their belongings.

Keep up dated on facebook for any variations and for photos.

If your child has not got a copy of the itinerary or what to pack please see Mrs Wilson or Miss Quayle.

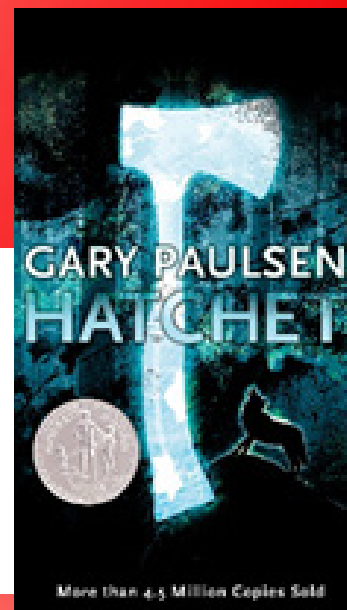
YEAR 5 RED

In the past week students have been actively busy in Year 5 RED with Mr Murphy. They have covered Volume and Capacity in Maths and are completing Informative Writing in English which, coincides with their Science Research Task for this term on Natural Weather Phenomenon in which students have been investigating topics like Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Drought and Volcanoes. They have been working studiously collecting and collating this information to produce an Informative Report using computers.

In English students have also been reading the novel "The Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen and are finding this to be very suspenseful and interesting read. They have also started some STEM activities on this book which includes creating paper planes and floatation devices.

For sport this term Year 5 RED are participating in a new initiative with Year 9/10 PASS students from Gulgong High School. Every Wednesday afternoon in Weeks 4,6,8,10 they will undergo drills and skills in a range of different sports provided by students from the High School who are using this as an opportunity to learn about coaching. The students are definitely improving their fundamental movement skills and teamwork through these great lessons.

Students also participated in Rock / Shine Day last week and produced some very artistic portraits displaying two sides of you as a person. These will be displayed in Education Week Assembly this Wednesday at Gulgong High School.





Congratulations to Rodney, Aiden, Lester, Sanayah & Mia who have all attended their first Moorambilla voices camp over the past week.



We raised
\$939.20

Silver Coin Challenge

Congratulations to all students

Winners for Week 2

3 / 4 RED

Winners for Week 3

3 / 4 BLUE

We have raised a total of \$503.10



Week 4 Uniform Winner
is
Kendall



Zone Athletics

On Friday 10th August we travelled to Mudgee for the Zone Athletics carnival. The students all did a fantastic job representing our school and tried their hardest.

The following students placed in the top three:

Nikko A - 1st 8 years boys 100m

Ruby M - 1st 8 years girls 100m

Brodie D - 2nd junior boys long jump and 3rd 9 years boys 100m

Kye P - 3rd junior boys shot put

Aylah W - 2nd junior girls shot put

Daine P - 2nd 11 years boys long jump and 2nd 11 years discus

Sigrid G - 2nd senior girls discus

Kaylah F - 2nd 11 years girls 200m

Relays - 3rd junior boys, 3rd senior girls and 3rd senior boys

Jack D also going to Western for MC 100m, 200m, 800m and long jump

A massive thank you to Mrs Dunk, Mr Lewis, Miss Quayle and Kurt for going with our students on the day.

All students going to Western on the 14th September will receive information in the coming weeks and we wish them all the best.



Also congratulations to Darsharni who attended a State Junior Music camp in the first week of this term



UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday mornings - 9.30 am - 10.00 am

Friday mornings - 9.30 am - 11.30am