A reminder that parents are always welcome in the school whether to assist with school programs or to speak with teachers. If you would like to know how to best assist your child’s education just contact the teacher of your choice or the school office on 63741622.

**Principal’s Message**

**Congratulations**

To: Students, parents & staff who entered exhibits and competitions in the Gulgong Show.

A wonderful array of eye-catching items and activities were on show. Well done to everyone who won prizes in the respective events and sections of the Show. Special congratulations to the following school entry prize winners:

- Arts & Crafts – “Waste to Art” Class 1G “Metalarama” First Place & Best Exhibit
- Photography –
  - Mr Steven Haney (Age 40) 1st in Novice Colour Print
  - Tayla Pennell (Age 10) 3 x 1st Place in U/18 section; 2 x Highly Commended in U/12 + 1 Encouragement Award + “Best Exhibit” & “Most Successful” U/18
  - Isabelle Davies (Age 11) 1st in U/18; 1st in U/12; 2 x 2nd; Highly Commended + 2 x Encouragement Awards
  - Johanna Swan-Walker (Age 8) 2nd in U/18 + 2nd in U/12
  - Hope Fewings (12) 2nd in U/18
  - Madeline Jackson (12) 3 x Highly Commended
  - Jack Egan (11) Highly Commended + Encouragement Award
  - Aydin Patrick (12) Encouragement Award
  - Laurel Cairncross-Whicker (12) Encouragement Award

**This Week**

District Swimming at the Gulgong Pool Wednesday 4.00pm start – helpers welcome

“Parent Picnic Day” – parents may have lunch with children then attend Assembly from 1.00pm – 3.00pm on Friday

Gulgong Markets Coronation Park 9am-12pm Saturday

Gulgong Healthy Communities Alliance Expo at Billy Dunn 5-8pm Saturday (Circus is preforming at 7.15pm)

**Coming Up**

Senior Citizen’s Concert Tuesday March 18th at 10am in the School Hall
Special Congratulations
To: Miss Junior Showgirl winner: Hollie Smith and well done to all entrants. Congratulations also to Morgan Rae who was awarded Miss Showgirl for 2014.

Thank You
To Julie Gillan, Mrs Maxwell, Tracey Spencer and all of the workers who put on such a great Gulgong Show again this year.

Brian Cooke update
Brian is not so well at present. We continue to send him our best wishes. His family is with him constantly at this time.

P&C News
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month. The next meeting is Wednesday March 5th at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

This will the Annual General Meeting. The positions of President and Secretary will be vacated at this meeting.

Ten Dollar Circus
Saturday February 22nd we have the Markets at Coronation Park from 9.00am until 12.00 and then the Healthy Communities Expo at Billy Dunn from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

The circus will be performing at 7.15pm to 7.30pm in front of the grandstand. This is an “open” event so everyone is welcome to participate.

These events are important events for our community and I appreciate the way parents support our community circus activities.

Kindergarten
This year’s Kindergarten students have settled into “big school” very well. Parents are always welcome to come to school to seek information from or to give information to the class teachers.

Canteen
The Canteen operates on a volunteer basis under Manager Julie Shearer. You can contact the canteen on 63741060.

Entry to the School
At 9.25 the Nandoura Street gate will be locked so all visitors and late-comers will need to enter via the front Belmore Street gate and report to the office.

Visiting the School
All parents and community members are welcome to visit the school and the children but please make contact with the school office first. An appointment is necessary if you wish to discuss issues with teachers. Please do not just go straight to a teachers’ classroom as this can often be a significant distraction to the students’ learning. Please contact the school office on 63741622.

School Web Site
The Gulgong Public School Web Site is at the following address: www.gulgong-p.school.nsw.edu

Please feel free to visit the site for information and photos of activities going on in our school for and with your children. There is a wealth of information about programs, policies and activities at the school.

"No Hat - Play in the Shade"
As the hotter weather is with us it is important that all children wear a hat while out in the playground. Students who don’t wear a hat will be asked to move into the shade. In some cases this means that they will not be able to play on the back playground. Please ensure that your child is provided with a hat for school. The school has bucket hats and caps for sale at school.

Please ensure that children have a drink bottle that they can use during the day.

Alan Walker
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS
GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL PARLIAMENT REPORT
Motions brought up in Parliament:
Member for speaker Pepper was the first to bring a change to the school with Pizza Day.

Ariana just brought up NO HOMEWORK, although it was declined.

Member for Cheesewright brought up an excellent idea of giving, not wanted clothes to Vinnies or the poor, this motion was passed.

Prime Minister, Barrass believed that Mr Haney should create more football posts to score a goal. This was passed.

Report by Olivia & Hollie.
LIBRARY
Classes will attend the Library on the following days:
Monday 4M  Tuesday 1G, 2/3, 2H
Wednesday 3D, 5W, 6B  Thursday KP, KB, 1W
The Library is OPEN at lunchtimes on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY for reading, games & computer time.
Children have begun reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge in class. Children who wish to read extra books may like to look at the PRC app and come and let Miss Ryan know of any extra books they’ve read.

No further orders for BOOK CLUB.

Heart KidsNSW
Sweet Heart Day
Thank you, $156.00 was raised on the day.
Well Done !!!!!

Gulgong Junior Showgirl
The competition on Saturday was very successful. We had lots of our girls come dressed beautifully for their interviews. The girls were asked questions about the show, the town and their interests. All of the girls spoke well and were a credit to our school. This year’s winners were Hollie Smith in the younger category and Morgan Rae in the teenage category.

THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:
TOLERANCE

What is Tolerance?
To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don’t expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience.

Why Practice It?
People who don’t practice tolerance cannot stand to have anything differ from what they want and expect. Tolerance helps them accept things as they are. People without tolerance judge others by the way they look, sound, or dress. They decide who can be a friend and who can’t. When people are teased or left out, they feel sad and lonely. When we are tolerant, we don’t allow differences to drive us apart.

How Do You Practice It?
Practicing tolerance is showing respect and appreciation for differences. You don’t judge or tease someone who is different. You make them feel at home. You show forgiveness when someone makes a mistake. Tolerance does not mean being passive and letting someone hurt you. When that happens, you need assertiveness. When you are tolerant, you have patience and flexibility to accept the things you cannot change with good grace.

“Affirmation”
“I am tolerant. I overlook people’s faults.
I appreciate differences.
I accept the things I cannot change with good grace.”

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gulgong Netball Club
Gulgong Netball Club will be running an information booth for the upcoming season in conjunction with Mid Western Communities Alliance at Billy Dunn Oval on 22/02/2014 from 5-8pm. I will have 2014 season registration forms as well as current information on teams, uniforms and costing for the year. Following this we will be holding a registration afternoon on Thursday 27/2/14 at the Gulgong RSL Club.
Juniors 4 – 5.00pm and Seniors (High School) – Mature aged) between 5-5.30 pm.
Look forward to seeing you there.
Jane Wiltshire

HEALTH & FITNESS FESTIVALS
To launch the Mid-Western Healthy Community Alliance, the team is holding a Health and Fitness Festival in Gulgong on February 22nd, 2014 at Billy Dunn Oval starting at 5.00pm – 8.00pm.
To promote sporting clubs, health and wellbeing services, fitness groups and other community groups to represent their activity. During the Festival the Alliance will also promote the “What’s Your 30” campaign, encouraging everyone to get active for at least 30 minutes each day.
There will be plenty of opportunities for young and old to participate from olden day games to personal training, from being able to get a free health check to playing lawn bowls. There will be some great healthy food for sale.
For more information about this event phone: 6378 2719 or email: livesmart@midwestern.nsw.gov.au
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