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.

**This Week**

Senior Citizen’s Concert tomorrow at 10am in the School Hall

Boys Cricket v Dunedoo Wednesday

Gulgong Markets Saturday 8.30-12 at Coronation Park

**Swimming for sport has finished for the Term.**

Class sport has commenced for all classes.

**Coming Up**

Term 1 Disco Wednesday April 9

Theme is “Racing”

Come dressed in your favourite motoring colours.

Motor Car Racing - ie: Ford/Holden

Motorbike - Honda/Yamaha/Suzuki

Girls Softball Wednesday April 2 at Mudgee

Easter Hat Parade Thursday April 10

Paparazzi Team to Royal Easter Show Friday April 11

**Principal’s Message**

**ANZAC Day**

ANZAC Day will be during the holidays this year. Students are invited to attend the town march on ANZAC Day. Meet Mr Walker at the Fire Station at around 10.00am in full school uniform. Our school ANZAC ceremony will be on Wednesday April 30 the first week after the holidays.

**Congratulations**

To: Our boys cricket team for their success against Kandos and their big effort against Mudgee.

**Thank You**

To: Parents for assistance with the cricket games recently. Your help with transport and organisation is very much appreciated.

**Staffing Update**

We will have a new Assistant principal starting next term. Mr William Lindsay from Taverner’s Hill in Sydney was successful at interview for the position.

We look forward to Mr Lindsay joining our wonderful staff team.

Mr Walker will be on leave for three weeks starting today. Mr Haney will be Relieving Principal during that time.
**Easter Hat Parade**
This year’s Easter Hat Parade will be on Thursday April 10 starting at 12 noon. The children will make their hats at school again this year. Teachers may send home notes with details for each class.

Parents please bring along a picnic lunch to have with your child/children once the parade has finished.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance with this fun event.

**Easter Egg Raffle**
Over the next few weeks, our school students will be holding a fundraising Easter Raffle.

We would appreciate donations of Easter eggs etc for this raffle. Each family will be asked to sell 10 raffle tickets at $1 each.

Could you please leave donations at the front office or with your child’s teacher.

Many thanks for your help.

**Tree Safety**
I have had the large trees assessed and we are working with the Department of Education to have the trees trimmed and the dangerous ones removed as needed.

**Phone, iPod & Electronic Devices at school policy**
Students are permitted to have phones, ipods & electronic game devices at school under the following conditions:

- Parents give their consent for them to be here & accept responsibility for them
- The devices are used appropriately at all times
- The devices are protected while in the student’s bag ie they are in a smash-proof case such as a tupperware container or such like as bags can get kicked, stood on or thrown around in the hat rooms

If the devices are used inappropriately they will be confiscated and sent home with a note to parents asking them to keep the device at home.

Students can join the Minecraft group who sit near the Library to play or play their own games so long as they are not full of murder and bloodthirsty acts. These are inappropriate.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

**P&C News**
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Staffroom. The next meeting is Wednesday April 2nd at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

The minutes of each P&C Meeting are posted on the school’s website.

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**CANTEEN**
The Canteen operates on a volunteer basis under Manager Julie Shearer or Tina Doherty. More volunteers are always sought. If you can spare any time to help in the canteen just contact the canteen on 63 741060.

**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.

**School Web Site**
The Gulgong Public School Web Site is at the following address: [www.gulgong-p.school.nsw.edu](http://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.

**Alan Walker**
Principal

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Kinder – Yr 2 Parent Teacher Information Session and Interviews**
An Information & parent teacher interview afternoon / evening will be held for Years K-2 on the 18th March, 2014 commencing at 3.45pm with an information session. A separate note for all Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students has been handed out.

**Year 6 Moving into Year 7 - 2015**
Please complete this form and return to school as soon as possible.
Grandparents and Senior Citizens Day

**Grandparents & Senior Citizen’s Concert**

Tuesday 18th March, 2014 at 10:00am

The concert will be followed by morning tea in the playground with your grandchild/grandchildren.

**CRUNCH N SIP**

Crunch and sip is a set break every day from 9.50am – 10.00am for students to eat fresh fruit and vegetables and drink water. Can you please ENSURE your child has fresh fruit or vegetables to eat each day during this time. The school cannot continue to purchase the quantity of fruit we have been so PLEASE make sure your child has something with them for crunch n sip.

**School Contributions Fees**

Your school contributions are a vital part of our school’s endeavour to provide equitable resources for your children.

If fees are paid in full during Term 1 your contribution will be reduced to $30.00 per student.

**Update of School Records**

We are seeking to update our school records of family information such as addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc. Please ensure that any relevant changes to family or student information is passed on to the school if it concerns the care and education of your children. I’m sure that you can appreciate the need for us to have accurate and up-to-date information. Updated information is vital for our contact with you. Many thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

**THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:**

**UNDERSTANDING**

**What is Understanding?**

Understanding is thinking clearly. It is using your mind so that you can see the truth about things. It is paying careful attention and thinking about things in order to see their meaning. Understanding is also having empathy and showing compassion.

Understanding gives us the power to think and learn and also to care.

**Why Practice It?**

Without an understanding mind, there would be no learning. People who don’t practice understanding don’t use their minds fully. Life is dull and boring because they just do the least amount of learning or thinking. People who use their heads to understand and solve problems have great insights and wonderful ideas. People who use their hearts to understand show compassion and forgive people for their mistakes.

**How Do You Practice It?**

To practice understanding, you pay close attention. Look, listen and think. When faced with a difficult problem, you reflect and reason it out until the answer becomes clear. You resist distractions. You concentrate your mind to help you see the whole picture and to understand the meaning of what you see. You open your heart to understand how people feel and put yourself in their shoes. You understand that we all make mistakes. You are willing to be forgiving.

“I have an understanding mind. I concentrate and pay attention so that I can think clearly. I have an understanding heart. I have empathy for other people’s feelings.”

**P & C Fundraiser**

Our P & C are helping to raise money for the air conditioning in the school canteen.

Stickybeaks lunch bags can be used as everyday lunch boxes or as lunch order bags.

A separate order form is included with this Newsletter.

2 sizes are available:

- Small $10.50
- Large: $12.50

*Sample lunch bags are at the school office.*

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

After School or School Holiday Tutoring/Childcare

Do you require after School or School Holiday Tutoring or Childcare in your own home?

Please contact Lisa Byfield on 63759 240 to discuss your after School Tuition/childcare needs.

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