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

Boys Cricket v Mudgee @ Gulgong 10am start this Thursday
Swimming for sport has finished for the Term.
Class sport has commenced for all classes.

Principal’s Message

Congratulations
To: Students, parents & staff for a very successful Western Region Swimming campaign. Mia, Logan, Macey, Summer, Kellie, Ethan all represented our school and District with pride and effort.

To: Our Tennis team for the honest effort against the strong Dubbo outfit last week.

To: Our boys cricket team for their success against Kandos last week.

Thank You
To: The sponsors of the Playgroup – School raffle for the mini iPads.

Many thanks to teacher Leanne Birchall and her father for all the hard work to get blinds put up in every classroom over the holidays and the early part of this term.

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.

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

Coming Up

Senior Citizen’s Concert Tuesday March 18th at 10am in the School Hall.
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. The next meeting is Wednesday April 2nd at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

Congratulations to new office bearers elected at the AGM last week.


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

**CACTEEN**

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

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**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 today.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Book Club orders are due this Friday 14th March.

**NO ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE**

**Year 6 Moving into Year 7 - 2015**

Please complete this form and return to school as soon as possible.

**CANTOON CORNER**

Thank you to Denae Fyfe for donating a Tupperware Gift to the Canteen.

This week special – MACARONI CHEESE $3.

Please make a second choice in case we run out.

**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.*

**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.

**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.

Gulgong Public School & Gulgong Playgroup
We would like to express our thanks to the generous mums who donated prizes for the Gulgong Public School and Gulgong Playgroup Raffle:
Annette Everingham for the Embroidered Towels
Daphne Brooks for the Hair Accessory Pack
Sarah Garner of Precious keepsake Jewellery for the Personalised Necklace
The raffle was a great success and thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

Gulgong Playgroup
We run a casual program where the children have the opportunity but no pressure to participate in a range of organised activities including art and craft, gardening, and games as well as free play. They have access to a great range of toys, books and puzzles in the school environment and staff and we have a great supportive group of Mums. Dads welcome as well!

We are open to fresh ideas and new faces. We are as friendly bunch of kids and a friendly, welcoming and supportive group of Mums. Dads welcome as well!

For the first 2 terms this year there is no attendance fee and after that the fee has been reduced to a very affordable gold coin donation.
We run a casual program where the children have the opportunity but no pressure to participate in a range of organised activities including art and craft, gardening, and games as well as free play. They have access to a great range of toys, books and puzzles in the schools gingebread house as well as a great range of outdoor toys and equipment that the children can play with including the very popular and huge new sandpit and the outdoor play structure in the infants play area. It is a great opportunity to familiarize your child with the school environment and staff and we have a great friendly bunch of kids and a friendly, welcoming and supportive group of Mums. Dads welcome as well!
We are open to fresh ideas and new faces. We are as much a social and support network for parents as well as a play group for the children. So come on down Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30 access via the front office at the school. Just bring your children's drink and a piece of fruit for morning tea.
Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:
TRUTHFULNESS
What is Truthfulness?
Truthfulness is being honest in your words and actions. You don’t tell lies, even to protect yourself from getting into trouble. You don’t listen to gossip and prejudice. You see with your own eyes and make up your own mind about what is true. Being true to yourself means being who and what you are, without exaggerating to impress others or trying to look like something you are not. It is being yourself, your true self.

Why Practice It
Without truthfulness, no one can tell if someone is lying or telling the truth. They cannot be trusted to tell what is a story and what really happened. They get imagination mixed up with reality. When people are truthful, they say what they mean and mean what they say. Truthfulness builds trust. People know where they stand with a truthful person.

How Do You Practice It?
Always choose to tell the truth. If someone asks your opinion, give it – tactfully! When you make a mistake, admit it rather than trying to cover it up. Instead of listening to gossip, find out the truth for yourself. Recognise the difference between fantasy and reality. If you start telling a story, stop and tell what really happened. Let people see you as you are, without trying to look more important. You are truly worthy just as you are.

“Affirmation”
“I am truthful. I speak the truth.
I see the truth with my own eyes. I have no need to impress others or exaggerate. I am content to be my true self.”

COMMUNITY EVENTS
Gulgong Junior League
Football Registrations are being taken Thursday afternoons at Billy Dunn Oval from 4pm.
$60 per player.
Competition starts 5th April, 2014.

Misplaced
1 silver ipod – blue case.
If you have any information please ring the school office - 6374 1622.

Items For Sale
Piano - $600.00
Electric Drum Kit - $400.00
Western/Stock Saddle – suit child/teen rider - $350.00
For more info please phone Teri: 0427 635 374.
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