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**

**Wednesday 7th May**

P&C Meeting Wednesday at 5.30pm

**School Photos THIS Wednesday**

**Mothers Day Stall**

**Thursday 8th May**

Russell Richardson & David Peachey Shield Dunedoo

**Friday 9th May**

“Making Friends” Show - $4

School Cross Country

**BOOK CLUB DUE**

**Coming Up**

“Cruisers” Vintage cars visit Monday May 12th

NAPLAN Tests for Years 3 & 5 May 13th – 15th

Bird Team Trip to Riverlea Friday May 16th

Eisteddfod starts May 20th

Henry Lawson Heritage Festival on the long weekend in June

Dunedoo / Mendooran Horse Sports Days

Eisteddfod - Speech Week 4, Music Week 5

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**Principal’s Message**

**Congratulations**

**To:** The Paparazzi kids who went to Lue last week for the night shoot. There are some excellent photos which will feature in future competitions.

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**Thank You**

**To:** Parents Leesa Patrick, Sarah Dolan, Lori Burke and Kate Holt as well as Alison and Garry Morrissey for transporting the paparazzi kids and helping at Lue.

**National Testing (NAPLAN)**

Parents and carers may be concerned about the National Testing in Years 3 and 5 scheduled for May 13th to 15th this year.

Please do not let your children become overly nervous or worried about the testing.

Students in Years 3 and 5 have been tested for many years but recent issues have surrounded the My School Website and how the results may be used.

At this school we will assist parents and carers to more fully understand the data when it is published.

I urge parents and carers to contact the school to discuss issues to do with NAPLAN testing either now or when the results come out.

There are so many more factors involved in a child’s educational progress than the result of one test on one day of the year. Please talk to us if you are worried about anything.
Attendance
A reminder to all parents and caregivers that attendance at primary school is compulsory and any absence from school, either partial or full days, need to be explained by written note to the teacher within two days of the absence.

Days lost to school are very difficult to catch up and children’s education can suffer as a result.

Lateness is an issue because it compromises the children’s learning in the prime learning time of the day. Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time. Students should arrive anytime between 8.55am and 9.20am.

Paparazzi Team
The Paparazzi Team has 11” x 15” photos for sale at the Gulgong Markets every month. Shots are of Gulgong and surrounding districts. The Paparazzi Team will take commissions from customers for particular photos or special subjects. Framed $45 Mounted/Unframed $15 Rollup $5.

P&C News
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Staffroom. The next meeting is Wednesday May 7th at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

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

Canteen
The Canteen operates on a volunteer basis under Manager Julie Shearer and 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.

Side entrance gate from Nandoura Street will open at 3.20pm. Please be mindful of the noise level when parents are gathered prior to the gate opening as the class in the demountable are still undertaking lessons.

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.

Alan Walker
Principal

School News
Library
Borrowing continues for all children who have returned their books from last term.

Book Club is Due THIS Friday 9th May.
Orders will not be taken after this date.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held THIS WEDNESDAY, 7th May.
Prices starting from $2.00 - $5.00.

School Photos – CHANGE OF DATE
School photos will be taken THIS WEDNESDAY 7th May, 2014. Envelopes have been sent home with every student. Each student must have a separate envelope.

STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN FULL WINTER UNIFORM.

Family envelopes are available from the school office. Correct money must be in student photo envelopes, the school does not have the time or the money available to assist with giving change for correct money. The envelopes and payments are not the responsibility of the school.

Winter Pinafores
With the Eisteddfod coming up students need to be in Full Winter Uniform. Girls will require a winter pinafore for the Eisteddfod.

Girls: Winter Pinafore and blue shirt.
Boys: Long Grey pant and polo shirt.

Days and times will be advised soon.

Winter Pinafores are available from the school. Claudette Elliott will make a pinafore to order if needed. Phone 6374 2352.
Winter
As the cooler weather is approaching, please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate warm clothing for school.

CROSS COUNTRY
The annual school Cross Country will be held this FRIDAY 9th May. Starting at 11.00am. Age races will start with 5 year olds and progress up to 12/13 year old. Any parents who would be willing to time keep would be appreciated.

Students are asked to bring along a gold coin which will be donated to Relay for Life.

Each child will receive an ice block on the day.

Gulgong Public School P&C Update
Thank you to those who supported our recent Fundraisers – Sticky Beak Lunch Bags and the Spring Bulbs for Mother’s Day.

A huge Thank you to Naomi Jackson our dedicated Fundraising committee person.

Coming Up: P&C Mother’s Day Stall this WEDNESDAY 7th May. Prices of items for sale range from $2.00 - $5.00.

Guest & new members are invited to come along to our next meeting this WEDNESDAY 7th May, at 5.30pm in the Gingerbread House. (building down near the infants equipment)

Hope to see you there.

Lucinda Stephenson
P&C President

Opportunity Class Placement in 2015?
Thinking About Applying for Opportunity Class Placement in 2015?
Entry for class OC placement for Year 4 students going into Year 5 in 2015 is via a placement testing process. The nearest OC Class is at Cudgegong Valley PS in Mudgee.

If you wish to apply applications are preferred online by going to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

where you can see more details about applying.

Anyone without computer access can come and see the principal.

Applications are open now and close on 16th of May.

Stewart House
Please place a gold coin in the Stewart House envelope and return it to school by this Friday 9th May, 2014 to be eligible for the draw.

This year’s prize is a $4,000 holiday for your family.

THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:

COMPASSION
What is Compassion?
Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don’t know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

Why Practice It?
When people feel hurt or in trouble, they often feel alone. Feeling alone can make things even worse. Without compassion the world is a hard and lonely place. Being compassionate helps us to feel less alone. Compassion helps us to be understanding of others and ourselves.

How Do You Practice It?
Compassion begins by noticing when someone seems sad or troubled. Put yourself in their place and ask how you would feel if it were happening to you. Think about how you can help. Take time to listen and then say kind things like “What are you sad about?” and “How can I help?” . Be forgiving when others make mistakes. Be a friend when someone needs a friend.

“Affirmation”
“I have compassion. I notice when someone is hurt or needs help. I take the time to show that I care.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gulgong Amateur Swimming Club
Gulgong Amateur Swimming Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting. The meeting is on Tuesday 13th May at 6pm at the RSL. All are welcome to attend.

Harriet Wright

Otitis Media Specialist Clinic Days
If your child suffers from Otitis Media or you believe they have a hearing problem, then please continue to read this message.

Once a term Dr Rabie has set aside a day in his medical rooms to see students from schools around his area. Dr Rabie only bills his patients through medicare so there will be no charge for your consultation visit.

You will need a GP referral from your local doctor, a medicare card and a current hearing test.

Dr Rabie’s medical rooms are located in Dubbo. Please contact the Department of Education Hearing Support Team for more information:

Donna – 0419 534 447 or Rachel – 0413 687 671
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