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:** Olivia Holt who gained two Firsts and a Highly Commended at the Eisteddfod last week. This gave her the prize of “Most Promising Dancer 9-10 Years”. A marvellous achievement!

**To:** Julie Shearer and Tina Doherty our Canteen managers for the recent 5 Star Rating from the NSW Food Authority.

**To:** Rugby League players for wonderful performances in the Russell Richardson Cup and David Peache Shield at Dunedoo last week.

**To:** Students who ran so strongly in the school cross country run last week.

**To:** Our Senior Debating team consisting of Summer, Hollie, Jayden and Chelsea. The team had a very convincing win against Dunedoo Central School, debating the topic “That all zoos should be closed down”. All debaters had impressive scores, Jayden particularly good with a high score of 26/30! Well done!!!!
Thank You
To: Parents who assisted with transport to Rugby League and the Cross Country run last week.
To: All those parents and carers who took the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher over the last few weeks. The strong partnership between teachers and parents is a major factor in the success of children at school.

To: The P&C especially Naomi Jackson and Kate Holt for the fabulous Mother’s Day Stall last week. We raised $447.00.

Apology
To: Families for last week’s costs with School Photos, a Show and Mother’s Day stall putting pressure on the family budget. We always endeavour to provide plenty of notice.

National Testing (NAPLAN)
Parents and carers may be concerned about the National Testing in Years 3 and 5 scheduled for this week.
Please do not let your children become overly nervous or worried about the testing. Please just ensure they have a good sleep and plenty of good food to fuel their brains.

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.

“Making Friends”
Children learned some new “ABC”s last week with the visiting show about “Making Friends”.
The children were highly entertained by Camilla and her friends as they learned to Ask – if you can play.
Be polite and kind, Co-operate, listen and find a solution, and Say hello, Smile and Share. This message was delivered by a very funny puppet show which everyone enjoyed.

Complaints or Matters of Concern
For matters of concern or complaints, please make arrangements to speak to the Principal before making an emotional decision about discussing the issue in public or on facebook. “There is ALWAYS” more to the story.

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 Post cards $2

P&C News
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5:30pm in the Staffroom. The next meeting is Wednesday June 4th 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
Help is required in covering books.
If you have some spare time it would be greatly appreciated.

EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Wednesday 21st - Gulgong Memorial Hall - 10.00
Infants Verse Speaking – 1W, 1G
Junior Primary - Verse Speaking – 4M
Senior Primary – Verse Speaking – 5W, 6B

Wednesday 28th - Gulgong Memorial Hall - 10.00
Infants Percussion - KB
Primary Percussion - 3D
Infants Recorder - 1H
Choir – Infants & Senior Primary

Full school uniform is required.

Girls: Winter Pinafore or Navy Pants and blue shirt/school polo shirt.
Boys: Long Grey pants/shorts and school polo shirt.

If you are going to watch your child please be at the venue earlier than this time.

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

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.

Opportunity Class Placement in 2015?
Thinking About Applying for Opportunity Class Placement in 2015?
Enter 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.

THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:
Confidence
What is Confidence?
Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.

Why Practice It?
Without confidence, fears and doubts hold us back. We feel worried and uncertain, and afraid of making a mistake. With confidence, we try new things and learn all the time.

How Do You Practice It?
Practicing confidence is knowing you are worthwhile whether you win or lose, succeed or fail. You feel sure of yourself and gladly learn from your mistakes. You don’t allow doubt or fear to stop you. You try lots of new things and discover what you are best at. You think positively. You have confidence in life, trusting that all things work together for good.

Affirmation
“I am confident. I love to try new things and I give them the best I have to give. I appreciate my gifts. I welcome new possibilities.”

Ed Alive
Leaflets have been handed out today with this newsletter.

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