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 Saturday**
Sports Council Awards Dinner this Saturday June 21

**Coming Up**
Term 2 Disco Wednesday June 25 Theme is “Polka Dots & Spots”
Cupcake Day – 25th June
P & C Mufti Day – 27th June
Gulgong Markets Saturday 28th June
Ten Dollar Circus at Mudgee Small Farm Field Days July 11 & 12

**Students who received a Henry Lawson Participation Merit Award for participating on the June Long weekend - this equals one white merit.**

**Principal’s Message**

**Congratulations**
To: Olivia Holt who danced superbly at the Dubbo Eisteddfod last week. Olivia is becoming a very polished and accomplished performer.

2nd – Jazz duo
3rd – Jazz solo

To: The Super 8’s Girls Cricket Team, The Gulgong Public School Horse Sports Team and David West for their nominations for Gulgong Sports Council Awards.

**Thank You**
To: Tina Doherty, Di Apap, Maree Papworth and volunteers for keeping the Canteen open in these last couple of weeks.

**Mid Year Reports**
Student Progress Reports will be sent home in the next two weeks. If you would like to discuss any issues with the class teacher please just ring the school office on 63741622 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**Canteen**
Recently our school Canteen Manager, Mrs Julie Shearer resigned from her post for personal health reasons. Julie, over many years has been a fine servant to the school communities of Gulgong High and Public Schools.

Everyone in both school communities thanks Julie very much for her work over a number of years and wish her all the very best for her future health.

**“Belonging to Culture” Program**
Indigenous students from Stages 2 and 3 attended Red Hill EEC last week for a day workshop in Bush Tucker.

The students learned how Aboriginal people lived with the land utilising the resources for food, shelter and culture in a sustainable way.

The students ground flour, oats and wattle seeds to make “Johnny Cake” dampers. Sue Fuller from Red Hill EEC lead the students through the “bush
tucker” garden, harvesting a range of edible plants and herb ingredients which were then made into kangaroo burgers and cooked on the fire for lunch.

The students co-operated like a family and shared the wonderful experiences around food and learning.

**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 taken almost exclusively by our award-winning student photographers. Framed $45 Mounted/Unframed $15 Rollup $5

Post cards $3 (or 4 for $10).

New photos are added to the stock all the time and the Paparazzi Team will take commissions from customers for particular photos or special subjects.

We have just added a special product taken by Isabelle in Year 5 featuring all four Gulgong pubs in the one frame, with historical notes on the back. This is specially priced at $50. Come along and have a look at our range on offer.

**P&C News**
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Staffroom. The next meeting is early Term 3 at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

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

**Canteen News**
Julie’s departure from the Canteen has highlighted the gap she has left, to the extent that recently the P and C was forced to close the school canteen due to a lack of staff. This had a significant impact on a number of students.

Until the position of Canteen Manager is advertised, Mrs Tina Doherty will act as relieving manager. However, Tina cannot operate the canteen on her own and so on behalf of the P and C we call for volunteers to assist Tina in operating the canteen and ensuring this vital service remains open. Canteen duties generally start at 8.00am and finish at 2.00pm, but even if you could give up an hour of one day a week your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The role of volunteer can include a range of roles including, food preparation, serving, collated lunch orders, restocking fridges and shelves and washing up.

Please contact Tina on 63741060 between 8.00am and 2.00pm Monday to Friday if you can give even a small amount of your time.

**School Web Site**
The Gulgong Public School Web Site is at the following address:


**Alan Walker**
Principal

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**P & C NEWS**

**Upcoming Events**
P & C Mufti Day (27th June) bring a gold coin to wear Multi clothes on this day.

Thank you to the P & C members who volunteered their time at the Henry Lawson Festival on the weekend and who cooked items to sell at the stall.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

**P& C 2014 fundraising Target:**
Purchasing of new Outdoor Play Equipment.

**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.*

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION**
This excursion must be paid in FULL before the 19th July, 2014.

**ZOO SNOOZ** - Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo
Year 4 – 30th October – 1st November, 2014.

*Please feel free to make payments at any time to assist with alleviating a large final payment prior to the excursion.*
THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:
CREATIVITY
What is Creativity?
Creativity is the power of imagination. Creativity is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

Why Practice It?
Without creativity, life would be boring. There would be no inventions or advancement in the world. Things would just stay the same. We wouldn’t have cars, planes, computers, dance or music. The arts bring joy to the world. Sciences bring cures for disease and new ways to get things done. Creativity helps us to be all we can be.

How Do You Practice It?
You practice creativity by developing your gifts to the fullest. Find out what interests you and what you are good at. Learn and practice, so your talents will get better and better. Do ordinary things in creative ways. Expose yourself to beauty in nature and in the arts. Be open to inspiration. Remember to take time for dreaming.

“Affirmation”
“I am creative. I have special gifts and I am willing to develop them. I use my imagination. I am open to inspiration. I am happy to be myself.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

CONFIRMATION:
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Gulgong on Sunday 3rd August at 10.30am. If you have a child/children for Confirmation in 2014 could you please contact St Mary’s Catholic Church Mudgee on 6372 2122 or email: stmarysmudgee@bigpond.com

Children must be in Year 6 or above and have received the other sacraments.

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo
Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre’s Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years and will be held during the July 2014 school holidays. This education program is designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Date: Tuesday 1st July to Friday 4th July 2014
Age: 5-12 years
Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm
Cost: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL – $40.00 per child per day (If booked before Friday 20th June, 2014).

How to Book: all information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website http://www.taronga.org.au/ZooAdventuresDubbo

Contact the zoo on 6881 1433.

Sportsman Dinner
Saturday 2nd August, 2014.

Guest speaker - Kerry O’Keefe
Former Australian cricketer and now a commentator for Australian Broadcasting Corporation Radio.

Venue: Gulgong RSL
Cost: $60 per person
2 course meal
See Steve Haney for details & purchasing tickets.
Ph: 6374 1622.

Minimbah Birth Certificate Sign Up Day
“Expression of Interest”
A FREE Birth Certificate “Sign Up” Day will be held at Gulgong Public School. Phone Gulgong Public School Office on 6374 1622 for more information.
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