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
Term 2 Disco Wednesday June 25 Theme is “Polka Dots & Spots” – 6.30 – 8.30pm - $3

Cupcake Day – 25th June - bring a coin to buy a cupcake for a good cause

Friday
P & C Mufti Day – 27th June - gold coin donation

Saturday
Gulgong Markets Saturday 28th June

Principal’s Message

Congratulations
To: Staff, students and parents for a very successful Term 2 – well done.
To: Teams and students awarded at the Gulgong Sports Council Awards Dinner. The Super 8’s Girls Cricket Team was awarded the inaugural “Carl Rissler Memorial” Trophy; the Horse Sports Team was awarded a Team of the Year Award; David West was awarded a Local and District Sports Award; Sammy Barnes was awarded Sportsperson of the Year 12 Years and Under; The Gulgong Junior Netball Team was awarded a Team of the Year award and Aiden Barnes was awarded a monthly sports award.

Thank You
To: Parents, staff and students for your on-going wonderful support of our school.

Mid Year Reports
Student Progress Reports will be sent home this week. 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.

Coming Up
Ten Dollar Circus at Mudgee Small Farm Field Days July 11 & 12
First Day back for students in Term 3 is TUESDAY July 15th
Boys Softball in Mudgee Wednesday July 16th
Term 3 – Week 4 - Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion 5th August – 8th August, 2014.
This excursion must be paid in FULL before the 19th July, 2014.
Teachers from our school will be conducting other kid’s activities including Art & Craft, Reading Nook and Face painting.

Students and adults who commit to helping by placing their names on the note handed out last week will receive free entry tickets to the Field Days. This note is available on our school website.

Time slots are 9.30 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 3.30 on both days Friday July 11th and Saturday July 12th.

Students must commit to at least two time slots in order to qualify for free tickets.

Mr Walker will be supervising on both days. Students who return the note before the end of the Term will receive a free entry ticket before the holidays. Tickets can be picked up from Mr Walker at home during the holidays if arrangements are made on 0488 741622.

**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.

**School Parliament news**
Recent motions passed at Parliament include:

- Getting the bubblers fixed (maintenance contractor has been informed)
- Green Team look after the front of school garden (Mrs Wilson supervising)
- Soap in the toilets (students need to be taught not to waste it all)
- Sleepover at school including making movies at night (need a teacher on board)
- Repaint the lunch tables (Mr Meek currently getting some suitable paint)
- UNO Competition at lunchtimes (OK – need to get Miss Ryan on board)
- Lightweight waterproof jacket for Horse Team (OK looking into it)
- High Jump at our Athletics Carnival (legal problems for primary schools)

**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**
Volunteers needed.
Canteen duties generally start at 8.00am and finish at 2.00pm. 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 students, collating 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**

**HOME READING**
Home reading has finished for the Term 2. Many thanks for all your support with this very beneficial reading initiative. Please return Home Reading folders as soon as possible.

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**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:
DETERMINATION

What is Determination?
Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn’t easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

Why Practice It?
Without determination, things don’t get done. People give up easily and don’t ask for help when they need it. With determination, even the hardest task becomes a challenge we are willing to accept. We do things that matter in the world. With determination, we can make our dreams come true.

How Do You Practice It?
Decide what is important to you. Then use your will power to make it happen. Finish what you start. If obstacles come up, deal with them, and get back on track. If you get discouraged or distracted, remember your goal. Ask yourself “What do I need?” Then start again. It feels good to meet your goals!

“Affirmation”
“I am determined. I set goals and keep going until I achieve them. I get things done. I stay on purpose.”

COMMUNITY NEWS
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.

SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

STARS OF THE WEEK
Week 9

KP - Kale – Listening to instructions and beautiful manners
KB – Mason – Improving effort in all tasks
1H – Henry – Listening carefully to instructions
Lachlan – Applying himself to all tasks
1G – Montana – Effort in all areas, especially writing
2L – Brayden – Using manners during fundamental skills
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