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: 2/3H & 3D for their marvellous entertainment at the CWA Hall last week for International Day.
To: Boys Softball team who travelled to Mudgee last week, they played well and were beaten by 1 run.

Thank You
To: Parents for help with the Athletics carnival.

This Week
Education Week

Tuesday
Education Week Open Day Tuesday - 11.30-2.15

Wednesday
AFL Clinic Wednesday

Thursday
Red Hill Excursion - KB - Thursday

Friday
Red Hill Excursion -KP - Friday

Coming Up
Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra NEXT WEEK
August 5th -8th
Dunedoo Horse Sports Day Thursday August 7th
Mendooran Horse Sports Day Friday August 8th
CLC Gala Concert August 19th
School Concert September 17th

Education Week Open Day - Book Fair and Paparazzi Exhibition
This year’s Education Week is this week. Open Day is on tomorrow Tuesday July 29th and will include Book Fair in the Library and a Paparazzi Club Photo Exhibition in the Hall.

The day will be a mufti day for students with the option to dress as a favourite book character.

Parents will be able to visit the Book Fair from 10.30am in the Library. The “Book Fair” is an important way that parents can support reading in our school by buying books for their children and also donating books to our library.

After recess from around 12.00pm parents will be able to visit classrooms until 12.30 when the entertainment will start.
This year we will have an exhibition of around 200 of the outstanding photos taken by students in the Paparazzi Club. The prizewinning photos from the 2013 & 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Show as well as Gulgong Show and Henry Lawson Festival will be on show. This will be in the Hall and will be open all day. There will be entertainment for parents as well with dancing, circus and skipping by students leading into a picnic lunchtime at around 1.15pm. The day’s activities will finish at the end of lunchtime at around 2.15pm.

**P&C News**
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm. The next meeting is **Wednesday August 13th** at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

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

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

www.gulgong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Alan Walker
Principal

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Thursday 31st July**

Red Hill Excursion - KB - Thursday - Please return money ($5) & permission note

**Friday**

Red Hill Excursion - KP - Friday - Please return money ($5) & permission note

**YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION**


**ZOO SNOOZ** - Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo


Please feel free to make payments at any time to assist with alleviating a large final payment prior to the excursion.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**LIBRARY**

Home Reading will begin on Wednesday 30th July.

Library will be CLOSED ON TUESDAY at lunch time due to the Book Fair and will be open again on Wednesday for Computer use ONLY.

**BOOK FAIR**

Our Annual Book Fair will be held in the library on Tuesday 29th July, opening at 10.30am.

This is the Library’s only fundraiser and last year raised funds to purchase over 150 books, a teachers’ teaching and learning stand, display racks, storage boxes and many book prizes.

This year there will be more books and novelty items to choose from with items priced as low as $1.

Children will have an opportunity to view books and write a “Wish List” this week and will bring them home with a note explaining how to go about buying if you choose to do so.

*There will be a dress up day with the “Fantasy” theme in mind.*

Children are asked to dress as a book character or simply carry a “prop” character from their selected book. We’re encouraging children to carry the book their character is from in the parade.

We will have a colouring in competition, a “Guess how many bookworms” competition and raffles to give all children a chance at winning some awesome book packs. Watch out for your child’s “Wish List” for more information.

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**KB – Samantha** – Always having delightful manners

**KP – Axel** – displaying good listening skills during floor work

**1H – Amalie** – 100% Effort in everything

**1G – Natasha** – Making thoughtful contributions to class discussions & clever ideas

**2L – Ryan** – Positive attitude on the playground
P & C NEWS
Thank you to Naomi Jackson, Kate Holt, Belinda Davies, Chris Stephenson, Karen Morris and student helpers Erin, Ayla & Olivia for a fantastic Athletics Carnival, BBQ and Canteen. Thank you to Steven and the Senior Gulgong Terriers for your contribution to the success of the day and letting us use your facilities.
The next meeting is Wednesday August 13th at 5.30 in the “Gingerbread House”.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT
Madam Speaker strongly believed that GPS should have a multicultural day, K-6 where we try new foods and learn new things. This motion was passed. Mr Walker is now talking with Staff in regards to organising a Multicultural Day in the near future.

THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:
EXCELLENCE
What is Excellence?
Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.

Why Practice It?
Excellence is the key to success. People who don’t practice excellence just do things half way. Usually they don’t have very exciting or fruitful lives. Doing your best helps you find out what talents you have. You may discover something no one has ever thought of before. When you practice excellence, you can make a difference this world.

How Do You Practice It?
When you practice excellence, you are not content to give less than your best— to big things and little things. You give careful attention to every job, and to the people you care for. You learn from your mistakes, so you can do better next time. Day by day, you strive to improve. We can’t excel at everything. Discover your own talents and give them your best.

“Affirmation”
“I give my best to the work I do. I give my best to others. I dare to set noble goals. I choose excellence in all things.”

This week’s “Keys to Success”
PERSISTENCE
How can I be persistent?
- Try even when schoolwork is hard
- Don’t be distracted by others
- Check your work to make sure it’s correct
- Try to complete work even if you think it’s boring
- Listen to the teacher’s instructions
- Finish work instead of playing
- Don’t give up too quickly
- Do what you say you are going to do
- Put your things away

PERSISTENCE
What do we say to reward and encourage persistence?
- “You didn’t give up!”
- “You kept trying – great effort!”
- “Making that extra effort will help you learn.”
- “You sure don’t give up easily – well done!”
- Your effort is very important. It will help you succeed.”
- “See, persistence pays off!”
- “It’s great that you understand that to be successful, sometimes you have to do things you don’t feel like doing.”

“The more you practise, the better you become.”

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Jump Rope was held at the Athletics Carnival. Please return donation money by 12th August, 2014.
Happy collecting.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Sportsman Dinner
Saturday 2nd August, 2014.
Guest speaker - Kerry O’Keeffe
Former Australian cricketer and now a commentator for Australian Broadcasting Corporation Radio.
Venue: Gulgong RSL – Time: 6pm
Cost: $60 per person
2 course meal
Contact Steve Haney for details 0438 532 016
Tickets can be purchased prior to 2nd August from Gulgong RSL Club or Gulgong CRT
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