This Week
Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra TOMORROW
* Reminder be at school by 7.45am SHARP
Friday
REDHILL EXCURSION 1H & 1G
Please return money ($5) & permission notes
Jump Rope was held at the Athletics Carnival. Please return donation money by 12th August, 2014.

GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHONE APP:
Follow the directions below to join us.

If you have downloaded the App - Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) parents will be able to receive notification through this App of estimated time of return from the Canberra Excursion.

Principal’s Message
To: Zane Chaffer and Logan Scrivener on attending Western Region Boys Softball Trials last week. Special Congratulations to Zane who was selected in the team to travel to Lismore in Term to contest the NSW PSSA Boys Softball Championships.

Thank You
To: Parents and carers who visited the Book Fair – we raised over $5000 – well done!

Student Leadership Day
Well done to our student leaders who went to Mudgee last week to participate in the CLC Student Leadership Day. The day involved students in leadership and problem-solving activities as well as listening to ideal role models - swimmer Lisa Forest and local Lara Brett. Congratulations to Richard Finter from Gulgong High School for organising the successful event.

Education Week Open Day - Book Fair and Paparazzi Exhibition
This year’s Education Week was a big success with over one hundred parents and carers attending our school on Open Day.

A big thank you to Librarian Miss Ryan who staged a wonderful Book Fair and raised over $5000.

The students dressed in their favourite book characters and paraded proudly. The parents who visited classrooms were provided the opportunity to see just what is done for and with our students in our school.

The circus, dancing and skipping entertainment was great fun and the picnic atmosphere at lunchtime was a pleasure to experience.

Thank you to those visitors who ordered photos at the Paparazzi Exhibition. The ordered photos are ready for pick up. The price has been discounted to $5 for A3 roll ups. If you ordered a photo or would like to do so please contact the school office on 63741622.

Coming Up
CLC Gala Concert August 19th
School Concert September 17th
**Policy for Approaching Your School** – a parent and community guide for seeking information or expressing concerns. From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

We always like to help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. Teachers often must take into account a range of factors and often the matter is not as black and white as it may seem. The best results usually flow from teachers and parents working together.

**These guidelines aim to:**

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasions concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

- Trying to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or engaged in another conversation is inappropriate.

**Concern:**

- *The academic progress of own child:*

**Take this action**

- Directly contact the child’s teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.

**Concern:**

- *The welfare of own child:*

**Take this action**

- For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.
- To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.

**Concern:**

- *Actions of other students:*

**Take this action**

- Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.
- Contact the stage supervisor or principal for playground problems.

AT NO TIME SHOULD A PARENT APPROACH ANOTHER CHILD OTHER THAN THEIR CHILD TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE AT SCHOOL.

PLEASE LEAVE IT TO US ONCE YOU HAVE PUT THE MATTER INTO OUR HANDS and PLEASE DO NOT ATTACK TEACHERS OR THE SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

**Concern:**

- *School Policy or practice:*

**Take this action**

- Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.

**Teachers, parents and community working together for successful schooling**

**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:


**Alan Walker**
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

LIBRARY

Bookfair
I wish to extend a massive thank you to all of our families for supporting Reading through purchases at our Book Fair last week. The fair was a huge success! Congratulations to Jayden, Blake and Bailey who were the winners of our colouring competition and received book vouchers. Destiny, Summer and Joshua were our Raffle ticket winners and each received a book voucher and bag of goodies. Our lucky draw winners were Arabella, Jesse and Sebastian and they also each received book vouchers.

Ayla estimated 380 bookworms in the jar and was only 3 away from the actual amount of 383 and was the happy winner of the jar and a book. Well done Ayla.

Thankyou to Blake Forrester, Paxton, Bailey, Aidan, Sammy, Braydon, Lara, Isabelle, Jessica, Mrs Richards, Mrs Gordon and Miss Honeysett for their donations to our library. Our school community truly appreciate your generosity.

Thankyou also to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Leotta for helping out in our very busy library on the day!

Covering
We now have lots of new books and would appreciate some assistance covering them. If you can lend a hand please pop in and see Miss Ryan in the Library.

Home reading
Home reading will now continue as normal. Thank you for your patience while the library was ‘out of action’.

THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:
FLEXIBILITY

What is Flexibility?
Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn’t work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

Why Practice It?
Without flexibility, people keep doing things the same old way when new ways are needed. They become rigid. They get angry and upset when things don’t go their way and try to control other people. When you are flexible, you adjust and adapt. You bend like a tree in the wind. You keep making positive changes.

How Do You Practice It?
When you practice flexibility, you let go of bad habits and learn new ones. When you see a need for change, look inside and find the virtue you need. Then practice it little by little, day by day. Try new, creative ways to get things done. Accept the things you cannot change. Go with the flow. When you are flexible, you enjoy surprises.

Affirmation
“I am flexible. I keep changing for the better. I look for new ways to do things. I welcome surprises.”

This week’s “Keys to Success”

CONFIDENCE

How can I be confident?
- Raise my hand to answer a difficult question
- Do hard work and try hard before asking for help
- Share a new idea with the class, my teacher or my parents
- Introduce myself to someone new
- Speak loudly and clearly when asking or answering a question in class
- Greet adults with good eye contact and use their name
- Offer to take responsibility for organising a family event

CONFIDENCE

What do we say to reward and encourage confidence?
- “That took confidence.”
- “That wasn’t easy to do, but you did it!”
- “You are not afraid to take risks.”
- “You had a confident voice when you spoke in class.”
- “You really stood up for what you believed in.”
- “You were not afraid to make a mistake – good on you!”
- “You have a positive approach to your work.”
- “You looked confident.”

STAR OF THE WEEK

KB – Brianna – Being a friendly class member. Always giving her best
1H – Callum – Having a great attitude towards his learning this week
1G – Thomas – Working hard at all tasks and getting involved in all aspects of school
2L – Max – Always keeping the classroom tidy
2/3H – Haley – Great attitude
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