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

Tuesday
Zone Athletics – Tomorrow
P&C Meeting
Wednesday 5.30 in the Staffroom

Friday
REDHILL EXCURSION Year 2 from 2/3H & 2L
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.

Principal’s Message

Congratulations
To: Students and staff for a wonderful excursion to Canberra last week. Behaviour and cooperation were both very good from everyone.

To: The indigenous students who attended the Empowerment camp at Red Hill last week. All reports are very positive.

Thank You
To: Staff Miss Barnes, Mrs Morrissey, Mrs Wilson and Chappie for exemplary work on the Canberra excursion looking after the students. On call 24/7 and no problems at all. Well done. Thanks also to Mrs Griffiths in the office who did the bookings.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
The Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra was a great success. The students visited the National Art Gallery and were particularly impressed by the Pop Art and the sculptures in the Water Garden. The Dinosaur Museum was full of fossils and ancient rocks from Australia. At the Australian War Memorial we were guided on the “We Will Remember Them” Program and gained a fuller appreciation of the sacrifices made by Australians in wars. “Discovery Zone” at the War memorial is a great new feature and lots of fun. Black Mountain Tower was very windy and the marvellous panorama of Canberra was photographed many times over. The night expedition in the Canberra Botanic Gardens was exciting and revealing with its different perspective. Our adventure in the snow put the hardships faced by our pioneers into a new personal perspective as we felt the cold of snow on our faces. In the National Museum we tied our trip together with the unique experience of “Circa” tracing 60 000 years of our nation’s history into a five minute visual extravaganza. The bus trip was long but worthwhile and the accommodation in bunks at Eaglehawk helped us reinforce friendships and social development.
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**P&C News**
P&C meets on the first Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the **Staffroom**. The next meeting is Wednesday August 13th at 5.30 in the Staffroom (during winter)
The minutes of each P&C Meeting are posted on the school’s website.

**Canteen News**
The Canteen Manager’s position has been finalised by the panel with Tina Doherty (3 days) and Maree Papworth (2 days) sharing the role. Many thanks to the other applicant’s for showing the interest to apply.

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

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

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**Alan Walker**  
Principal

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**LIBRARY NEWS**
BOOK CLUB will go out later this week and the DUE DATE is 20th August, 2014.
Orders will not be taken after this date.

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**THIS WEEK’S VIRTUE:**

**FRIENDLINESS**

What is Friendliness?
Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

**Why Practice It?**
Friendliness keeps you and others from feeling lonely or left out. It helps people feel that they belong. When something good or bad happens, it feels good to share it with a friend. Friendships don’t just happen—they are made by people who are willing to be themselves with each other.

**How Do You Practice It?**
Friendliness begins with liking yourself and believing you have something to share with others. Be kind to people you don’t know. You can be friendly just by walking down the hall, looking into people’s faces and smiling. They will probably smile back. Show your friends you are glad to see them, by asking how their day is going and sharing your news with them.

**Affirmation**

“I am friendly. I smile and greet people. I show an interest in others. I like myself and know that my friendship is worth a lot.”

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

KB – Kye – Always trying his hardest and his Bookwork is lovely
2L – Ruby – Always giving 100%

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This week’s “Keys to Success”

**ORGANISATION**

**How can I be organised?**

- Take home my homework
- Bring my completed homework to school
- Get started on class work straight away
- Make sure I understand instructions
- Keep my desk and school bag neat
- Have my school supplies ready
- Finish one activity and then begin the next
- Listen to instructions
- Know when special events are on at school

**ORGANISATION**

**What do we say to reward and encourage organisation?**

- “You are organised.”
- “Doesn’t it feel good to be organised!”
- “Being organised is helping you to be successful!”
- “You really planned well.”
- “You really focused on getting your work in on time.”
- “I bet it makes school easier when you have everything ready.
- “You are really keeping your backpack clean and neat.”
- “I can see that you are planning ahead so that you don’t rush your work at the last minute.
- “When you are prepared, you can do a good job.”
- “You planned well! You finished on time.”

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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