PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term Two. I trust all of our families enjoyed a relaxing and happy holiday break and are eager to begin another exciting term at Gundagai Public School.

This week the 2015-2017 School Plan has been uploaded on to the school website. This plan included consultation with students, staff and parents during Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015 and truly reflects the three strategic directions of our school. I am very proud of the plan that we have collectively designed and am excited about using it to provide a clear vision for our school over the next 3 years. The plan will be discussed in more detail at our next P&C meeting.

Gundagai Public School is committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child every day.

Purpose: To ensure all students are actively engaged in meaningful, challenging and future focused learning experiences which motivate all to reach their full potential.

Purpose: To build the capabilities of learning, teaching and leadership in all staff through focused professional learning and collaboration.

Purpose: To create a strong positive culture within the school community where all stakeholders feel a sense of belonging, wellbeing and value the power of learning.

As we begin our journey with this new plan there is a strong focus on building more effective partnerships between the school, the home and the wider community. As a result this is a great time to think about becoming more involved in the life of our school. This is a great way to meet other parents, build a closer relationship with your child’s teachers and develop a better understanding of the workings and focus areas of the school.

Please consider joining the P&C, becoming involved in your child’s class specific fundraising event, helping out in your child’s classroom, volunteering in the canteen, at sporting events or with class excursions. You will feel more a part of the school, your contribution will be much appreciated and your children will see that you really believe their education is important.

This week we welcome Emily and Lachlan Clark, Jhett and Ella Stanford and Chanise Denning to the Gundagai Public School learning community. Jhett is in Year 3, Emily Year 4, Lachlan, Ella and Chanise are in Year 6. We are looking forward to getting to know them and help them settle into our school.
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING ~ TERM 1 WELFARE ASSEMBLY

Kinder  Gabriella Streckfuss, Cain Turner, Cooper Bartlett, Jimmy Smith and Evie Jones
Year 1  Annie Triggs, Elena Loukissas, Jayden Worldon, Nicholas Tait, Xavier Kingwill, Jazmyn Deckers, Logan Smith and Dana Rolfe-Lanyon
Year 2  Walt Bishop, Halle Smart, Riley Elliott, Jorja Lenehan and Amy Robb
Year 3  Jayda Field, Brittany White, Madison Smith, Bradley Freund, Shaun Smith, Joseph Polsen, Shanelle Jones and Tiarna Carberry
Year 4  Ryan Saltmarsh, Loudy Bishop, Aabhushan Shrestha, Jorja Humphreys, Seth Jones, Rusty Ward, Laci Bower and George Tait
Year 5  Blake Hazelwood, Chloe Lloyd, Tom Smart, Ava Doughty, Clay Murray, Toby Dasey, Annika Smith and Harry Nicholson
Year 5/6  Kane Lindley, Matilda Carberry, Damica Field, Wesley Murray, Jamie Thomson, Jarrah Brain, William Murray and Hayley Luff
Year 6  Max Eccleston, Jonty Hourn, Lara Tait, Sophie Lotz, Cohan Rowley, Kaidan Bell, Bella Brain and Lillian Crane

SPECIAL AWARDS

ACADEMIC  Bridie Ingold

FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM
Our Footsteps Dance Program will commence tomorrow and will run for 10 weeks. The cost of participating in Footsteps is $32.50. The methods of paying for this program is a one off payment of $32.50 or an initial payment of $12.50 and four weekly payments of $5.00. Payment is due tomorrow.

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS
Each Wednesday morning at 10.15 am tune into FM 94.3 for Gundagai Public School news and upcoming events. Our hosts this week are Brianna Smith and Jock Triggs.
ANZAC DAY
This Saturday is ANZAC Day. It is hoped that many students from Gundagai Public School will join the march to show that the youth of today continue to keep the spirit of ANZAC alive. Students are asked to meet outside the Family Hotel from 10.30 am.
Students will be wearing their winter uniform on this day. An outline of what Gundagai Public School winter uniform looks like can be found on the back of today’s newsletter. The clothing pool is open Thursday if you need uniform supplies.

SPORTING ROUNDUP

Riverina AFL: Jock Triggs took part in ALF selection trials at Jerilderie last Friday and was selected in the Riverina team and will now compete at the State Championships being held in Blacktown from 19-21 May. Congratulations and fantastic effort, Jock.

Highlands Rugby League
The highlands rugby league trials were a great success late last term at Jarrah oval with all students playing with great spirit and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Toby Dasey, Clay Murray, Caleb Piper, Clayton Smith, Cody Bell, William Murray and Kane Lindley who were selected in the Under 11’s team and to Riley Bethune, Jack Lloyd, Kaidan Bell and Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon who were selected in the under 12’s. These boys travel to Leeton on Friday for Riverina selection trials. Good luck boys!

NSW Netball Cup/Highlands Trials
On Tuesday 31st March Miss French was delighted to accompany our netball team to the NSW Netball Schools Gala day in Tumut. The girls played a total of five games, winning one and narrowly being defeated in the other four. Congratulations to Phoebe Lotz, Zali Feltham, Abbey Polsen, Brianna Smith and Jessie Cooper for staying on after the carnival to participate in the possible probable selections for the Highlands Netball team. Bella Brain, Sophie Lotz, Lara Tait, Lillian Crane and Bridie Ingold are also congratulated for being great team members. Well done team!!

Touch Football. Good luck to: Kaidan Bell, Jack Lloyd, Riley Bethune, Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon, Lochlan Bower, Jared Elphick, Clayton Smith, Phoebe Lotz, Sophie Lotz, Brianna Smith, Lara Tait, Abbey Polsen, Taleika Worldon and Jessie Cooper who will be travelling to Tumut on Thursday for the trials.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The School Cross Country will be held in Gundagai Public School Grounds on Friday 1st May. All students are in daily physical activity in preparation for our Cross Country and are developing their fitness skills to run longer distances. 5-7 year olds will run 1000m; 8-10 year olds will run 2000m and 11-12 year olds will run 3000m. Races will begin at 11:15 am.
At the conclusion of the run children will have the opportunity to purchase a special lunch which is being organised by the Year 6 parent body. Parents and friends are invited to be part of this special sporting occasion so we hope you can join us on the day. Students who suffer from asthma need to carry their puffer.

APRIL ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

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SCHOOL UNIFORM 2015
Every one made a fantastic effort to start 2015 in the full school uniform. The P&C have worked very hard this year in stream lining the school uniform and making items of clothing which are durable, comfortable and economical available for sale at the clothing pool. As the seasons change please remember ALL students must wear the correct uniform as this reflects positively on our school, creates a sense of unity and instils pride in our learning community.

Students will be expected to only wear the school uniform as listed below. Students will be expected to wear black shoes (not joggers) Monday to Thursday. Please note that Canterbury shorts, other football shorts and tracksuits are NOT part of our uniform.

As stated at the beginning of the year wearing a range of designs and colours of footwear very much detracts from the otherwise outstanding appearance of students from Gundagai Public and will continue to be a focus area.

**GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM**
- Navy slacks with light blue polo or Royal blue microfiber/football shorts
- Yellow long sleeve, peter pan collar blouse with royal blue microfiber
- White visible socks or navy stockings
- Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem

**BOYS WINTER UNIFORM**
- Light blue polo shirt
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey or white visible socks
- Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem

**SPORTS UNIFORM**
- Yellow/Blue Polo shirt with emblem
- Royal blue microfibre/football shorts
- Royal blue microfibre tracksuit pants
- Royal blue and gold polo fleece jumper

**HATS/BEANIE**
- Microfiber Hat with emblem or cap
- Beanie with emblem (optional) in winter

New and second-hand summer and winter uniforms are available through the Clothing Pool. The Clothing Pool is open every Thursday from 9.00 to 10.00 am.

P & C SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CATERING - YEAR 6 PARENTS
As was communicated early in the year, parents from each class will be responsible for organising one fund raising event per year. Congratulations to Kindergarten parents for a fantastic effort with the Easter Egg Raffle. This term Year 6 parents are all required to assist with the catering for the School Cross Country and are asked to respond to the note sent home today by this Friday. Remember the P & C pays for the Stage 3 bus to Melbourne this year so a large amount of funds need to be raised.

CANTEEN NEWS
There is a new winter menu attached to today's newsletter. New items include Potato Gems and Fried Rice. Potato Gems will sell at recess 10 for $2, and fried rice can be ordered for lunch for $3. These will be available to purchase from Week 2.

CLOTHING POOL
The clothing pool is open every Thursday from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for the purchase of new and used uniforms. If you are unable to attend the clothing shop, orders can be sent into school with payment.

P & C EASTER RAFFLES RESULTS
Congratulations to the following winners: Bridie Ingold, Cooper Bartlett, Jan Freestone, Ryan Clark, Bethune family, Lara Tait, David, Roger Deeks, Gus Pollack, Indiana Cooper, Holly Ingold, Tate Brooke, Sarah Triggs, Brianna Smith, Isabella Rose, George Tait, Sarah Triggs, Riley McDonald, Tom Smart, Karleigh Bower, Kane Lindley, Sarah Edwards, Harry Nicholson, Jorja Lenehan, Michael White, Jill Deeks, Mrs Jamieson, Sid Cotterill, Jim Brown, Cristie Roberts, Jordan Cooper, Lara Tait, Bethune family, Tate Brooke, Nicholas Brown, Roger Deeks, Monte family, Halle Smart and Marg Smith.

COMING EVENTS
- **Wednesday 22 April**
  - Footsteps Dance
  - Programme commences
- **Wednesday 22 April**
  - Stage 3 ANZAC Excursion
- **Thursday 23 April**
  - Touch Football Trials
- **Friday 24 April**
  - Rugby League Trials
- **Thursday 30 April**
  - School Assembly ~ Year 1
- **Friday 1 May**
  - School Cross Country
- **Tuesday 12 to 14 May**
  - NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 and Year 5
- **Thursday 14 May**
  - School Assembly – Year 3
- **Monday 18 May**
  - Highlands Cross Country
- **Thursday 21 May**
  - Mortimer Shield
- **Friday 22 May**
  - Walk to School Day
- **Tuesday 26 May**
  - Year 5 Art Excursion to Wagga Wagga
- **Thursday 28 May**
  - School Assembly ~ Year 5/6
- **Tuesday 9 June**
  - Athletics Carnival Yr 2-6
  - Field Events
- **Wednesday 10 June**
  - School Assembly – Kinder
- **Thursday 11 June**
  - Regional Cross Country
- **Friday 12 June**
  - Athletics Carnival Yr 2-6
  - Track Events
- **Monday 15 June**
  - Scripture week begins
- **Friday 24 June**
  - Footsteps Disco
- **Thursday 25 June**
  - PBL Assembly