PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
We know our students are great, but nothing makes our staff prouder than when students leave the grounds to represent our school, and other people tell us that too. This term students have been leaving the grounds to represent our school in the wider community on almost a daily basis and numerous compliments about the way students from Gundagai Public School conduct themselves in extra curricula activities have been received. Congratulations everyone and continue to represent our school with pride.

With so many extra curricula activities happening we have been continually calling on parents to assist and every time we have asked for help you have responded. Your assistance with supporting our fund raising efforts, manning or cooking for the sporting kiosks, transporting children, accompanying classes on excursions, walking to school with us, and generally being there to cheer not only your child, but their friends on as well, gives each of these days a great sense of school spirit. For that, each member of staff wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation.

Last Wednesday our Stage 3 students were very happy to present Mr Petty, the President of the Gundagai museum, with a cheque for $250. Our students were very appreciative of Mr Petty’s valuable knowledge and experience in presenting to us the fantastic artefacts of the Gundagai museum. The students were so excited and interested in hearing about, in detail, the stories behind the relics from our local museum they decided to hold a fundraiser to help contribute to Gundagai’s history. We really are so fortunate to have such wonderful and dedicated locals who can pass on their knowledge and insight to our future generations.

This Tuesday I am delighted to be able to accompany our indigenous students and their chosen non indigenous friend to a special commemorative ceremony at the “Gathering Place” at Bila Park, Tumut to mark National Sorry Day. On this day Mrs Wheaton will be accompanying her Year 5 students to the Wagga Art Gallery as they continue their involvement in the Ngulagambilanha art project, which helps our students develop an understanding of the local Wiradjuri Aboriginal art practice and culture.

This Friday the Cancer Council of Australia will be holding another Healthy Eating Workshop at school. This was requested by parents who attended a workshop during Kindergarten orientation last year. All who attend will receive:

- an information booklet containing all knowledge gained in the session, as well as several healthy recipes.
- a weekly family meal planner
- a fridge magnet to remind parents how much is a healthy serve.
- Tips on how to save money while eating healthy food.
- Strategies to get children to eat more fruit and vegetables
- Fast & easy, family-friendly recipes and snack ideas
STATE AFL CARNIVAL
Jock Triggs has returned to school after playing with the Riverina AFL team at the state championships in Blacktown. The team performed strongly winning four out of their six games. This effort saw the team make the final, where they were defeated by McKillop. Jock loved the opportunity to play at such an elite level and said he was honoured to be named captain of the side.

HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY
All students representing Gundagai Public School put in a tremendous effort at the Highlands Cross Country last Monday. Special congratulations must go to Laci Bower who came first in the 10 years age race and to Cooper Bethune, Joseph Polsen, Cody Bell, Jock Triggs and Riley Bethune who all finished in the top four. These students will now be part of the Highlands team which will run at the regional carnival on Thursday 11th June 2015.

MORTIMER SHIELD
The Mortimer Shield team were unlucky not to advance to the grand final after losing to Tumut Public School on the hooter. Some of the highlights of the day included Jack Lloyd opening the scoring against Tumut with an eighty metre try, Kaidan Bell adding to the scoring by putting on the ‘step of the century’ again Tumut’s fullback, Jared Elphick, Clay Murray and Brayden Tutty using their size and determination to their advantage and making many line breaks, Riley Bethune, Kane Lindley and Joshua Smith showing plenty of heart by taking on larger opponents in defence, Ben Hughes, Harry Nicholson and Clayton Smith demonstrating their involvement within the team through playing many positions throughout the day, Lochlan Bower, Toby Dasey, Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon and Max Eccleston having strong defensive games and Caleb Piper and Cody Bell sharing the fullback and half back role and creating endless attacking options and headaches for all oppositions on the day. Player’s player was awarded to Jack Lloyd for his tireless efforts in attack and defence all day. The boys defeated Franklin 4-nil and Small Schools 18-8 and lost to Tumut Public 12-14. Mr Mastellotto was thoroughly proud of all the boys and that they didn’t give up all day regardless of the scores.

LEAGUE TAG
The seventeen Year 5 and 6 students who made up the two girls league tag teams for the Mortimer Shield represented their school with pride in Tumut on Thursday. Gundagai 1 defeated Gundagai South 9-0, then defeated St Mary’s from Batlow 4-0. In a fast-paced game the girls lost to Franklin 3-nil to finish second in their pool. Gundagai 2 beat McAuley 2-0 in their first game, lost 3-1 to Small Schools and then drew 0-0 with St Pat’s. This placed them second in their pool. This meant the two teams faced off to play for third place overall. In a fun-filled but competitive match, the Gundagai 1 team defeated Gundagai 2, 5-1.

NSW PSSA NETBALL GALA DAY
Good luck to Bridie Ingold, Brianna Smith, Jessie Cooper, Zali Fetham, Sophie Lotz, Phoebe Lotz, Annika Smith, Abbey Polsen, Lara Tait and Bella Brain who will be competing in the WW Netball Gala Day.
**TRENT BARRETT JERSEYS**
Gundagai Public School has taken delivery of a new set of Trent Barrett Rugby League jerseys. The jerseys were purchased by last year’s Year 6 class as their gift to the school. The money for the jerseys was raised through a cake stall and meal deal day. Year 6 of 2014 had input into the design of the jerseys and they look fantastic.

**Student of the Week**

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**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 Jock Triggs and Brianna Smith

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Tuesday 26 May**: Year 5 Art Gallery Excursion
- **Thursday 28 May**: National Sorry Day Tumut
- **Friday 29 May**: School Assembly Year 5/6
- **Wednesday 3rd June**: Netball Gala Day Wagga
- **Tuesday 9 June**: Eat It Beat It Fruit and Vegie Session
- **Thursday 11 June**: Enviro Champs Wagga
- **Friday 12 June**: Year 2-6 School Athletics Field Events Carnival
- **Monday 15 June**: Riverina Cross Country School Assembly - Kinder
- **Friday 19 June**: Year 2-6 School Track Field Events Carnival
- **Wednesday 17 June**: Parent Teacher Interview Week
- **Thursday 25 June**: Stage 2 Excursion Canberra
- **Friday 12 June**: Infants Athletics Carnival
- **Wednesday 24 June**: PBL Assembly
- **Wednesday 27th May**: School Disco

**GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYMENTS NEED TO BE FINALISED.**
Thank you to the majority of parents who have already paid their general contribution this year.

Today reminder notices will be sent home to families whose contributions are still outstanding.

I appreciate how easy it is to overlook this payment with so much happening, however if all outstanding payments could be finalised before the end of this term it would be very much appreciated.

Our school asks very little in the way of a general contribution. This being $20 per student.

**REMINDER YEAR 5/6 ASSEMBLY**
The next school assembly will be held this Thursday 28th May commencing at 12.40 pm. Host class will be Year 5/6.

**HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY CANTEEN**
The P&C would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Canteen at the Highlands Cross Country last Monday. This was a terrific success. Thank you to all the cooks - we were thrilled with the amount of yummy cakes and slices which were donated and they certainly increased our profits! Also thank you to all the workers on the day who kindly donated their time. We'd like to give a special thanks to Cathy Polsen and Narelle Gilholme for selling the remainder of cakes at recess on the following Tuesday. Overall we made a profit of over $930!

Our next whole school fundraiser will be on Thursday 11 June for the Riverina Cross Country Canteen (to be held at the Gundagai Racecourse again). We will be sharing the canteen with three other schools; Humula, Nangus and South Gundagai.

This time there will be approximately 600 runners and 1200 people in total. We will again be asking for donations of cooking and helpers on the day. More information will be given regarding this closer to the time.

**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.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- **Wednesday 27th May**: Rebecca Smart and Kylie Smith
- **Monday 1st June**: Rebecca Britt
- **Wednesday 3rd June**: Aileen Parker and Shannon Whiting