A number of students were recognised for their positive and enthusiastic start to the 2016 school year at our first school assembly last Thursday. More students were recognised today with our first Student of the Week Awards, which are presented each Monday at our morning assembly. All students have made an excellent start to the school year and are demonstrating our school values on a daily basis.

Gundagai Public has three core values which underpin school operation and student learning. They are:

- **Learning**: Strive to reach your full potential
- **Responsibility**: Be responsible for yourself, others and our school
- **Safety**: Be safe towards yourself, others and our school

It has been wonderful watching our Kindergarten students settle in so quickly to school life. This year we have 22 kindergarten students and their teacher Miss French, Learning and Support Officer Mrs Smith and the Year 6 buddies have all helped make their transition to big school a very settled one. Last week the class was visited by Transition to School mascot, Gundy Bunyip who was delighted with how happy and excited all the children were.

Thank you to the many parents who have assisted with this great start to the year. I appreciate your efforts in returning notes, updating student information as your circumstances change, making payments for textbooks and general school supplies and supporting our school uniform code. Students are all coming to school in full uniform and look most impressive and I am really grateful for your support with the wearing of black shoes. They look fantastic.

The school canteen reopens today thanks to the terrific support of so many parents, grandparents and friends. Last week the canteen was in danger of closing, however thanks to the support received, particularly from those new to our school, we were easily able to fill the roster this term. The committee has carefully matched new workers with those more experienced so that you can see how things are done. Next term if the support is as strong, we may even be able to reopen the canteen on Fridays. How wonderful that would be!

The P&C have actively been trying to improve parking conditions at our school for some time now and are in the midst of applying for a grant to help reopen the top car park. Today they are sending home a quick survey for you to complete and I encourage you to assist this project by completing the survey and returning it to school by Friday.

Congratulations to Riley, Jessica, Cody, Jessie, Clay and Claudia who were elected Sports Captains last week. These students will have a very big role to play in ensuring our school swimming carnival, being held this Friday, runs smoothly.
MATHEMATICS
Students in Year 1 to 6 who have paid for their two Maths textbooks have begun using them in the classroom. It is very important that all students have these books this week. Mathematics is a focus area at Gundagai Public as we continue to implement the new Mathematics syllabus. After viewing feedback you provided us with in the numeracy survey late last year a parent evening will be held this term for parents wishing to find out more about how Mathematics is taught at school and how they can help support their children at home.

MAKE YOUR SCHOOL PAYMENTS ONLINE
I encourage parents to begin using our online payment method when making payments to the school. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment. http://www.gundagai-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Please give Ms Agnew a call if you are unsure of how to use this system and would like to give it a go. We have set this up to make paying for things such as general school contributions, extra curricula activities, excursions and sales to students easier. However this is currently on trial and will be removed if lack of use tells us that you don’t want this option.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter student’s name, class and what you are paying for. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. (Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.)

FOOTY FEVER
This week Gundagai Public Students will be treated to visits from the AFL and NRL. Both visits will include opportunities for photos and signatures with players from the Sydney Swans and all three senior premiership winning Gundagai Tigers teams in attendance. Parents and friends of Gundagai Public School are more than welcome to attend.

AFL - 9:30am - 10:00am Tuesday
NRL - 10:00am - 11:00am Thursday
HONOUR BOARD

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Kinder  Ned Green, Ella Anderson, Michael Fitzgerald and PBL Award Cooper Smith
Year 1  Rhys McGregor, Gabriella Streckfuss, Amy Glazebrook and PBL Award Clayton Elliott
Year 2  Xavier Kingwill, Michael French, Chevy Ward, Logan Parnaby and PBL Award Jayden Worldon
Year 3  Halle Smart, Bailey Piper, Cayden Coulton-Wescombe and PBL Award Jack Dowell
Year 4  Hanyia Iftikhar, Sebastian Smith, Ryan Anderson, Jayda Field and PBL Award Laci Bower
Year 5  Edward Brooke, Jorja Humphreys, Justin Elliott and PBL Award Caleb Piper
Year 6  Toby Dasey, Cody Bell, Jessie Cooper, Elysha Anderson and PBL Award Caleb Piper

GUNDY GREAT AWARD

Kasey Bethune for providing excellent playground support to the younger students

DISTRICT CRICKET TRIALS

Today Clayton Smith and Caleb Piper travel to Cootamunda to compete in pre-selection for the Riverina team. Good luck boys!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder  Jack Lindley
Year 1  Evie Jones
Year 2  Dana Rolfe-Lanyon
Year 3  Matilda Marshall
Year 4  Jayelle Britt
Year 5  Ryan Saltmarsh
Year 6  Clare Ballard

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 Jessie Cooper and Toby Dasey. The weekly Sounds of the Mountains report delivered by Year 6 students is an excellent opportunity to find out what’s happening at our school. Remember to tune into FM94.3. A roster system ensures all Year 6 students are given the opportunity to report school news.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Last Friday saw the completion of another very successful School Swimming and Water Safety Program. At the end of last year students in Year 2, 3 and 4 participated in the first week of this program and continued to build on the skills they learnt in that week and over summer vacation. All students who participated will receive a certificate of achievement and a report indicating their accomplishments.

Our Year 6 students joined in the program last week and used it to train for swimming events at our carnival on Friday.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTION

General contribution fees can be paid throughout Term One. The contribution covers items such as paper, folders, computer access, some performances, special rewards and general supplies and is asked to be paid for by Week 8, Term 1.

This payment will be $30 for all students in Kindergarten to Year 6.

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

When:  Friday 12th February 2016
Time:  9.45 am - Buses depart at 9.25 am
Travel: Makeham’s Buses - Students must come to school first and not go directly to the pool
Cost:  $4.25 without season ticket or $1.25 with season ticket
Lunch: Students may pre-order from the pool kiosk or bring lunch from home
Home Departure - Change quickly and be ready to catch the bus with your school group. If leaving early ensure Primary students sign out at the recording desk
Parents please label all items of clothing. (You would be surprised what gets left behind.)

INFANTS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

When:  Friday 12th February 2016
Time:  12.00 md - Buses depart at 11.50 am
Travel: Makeham’s Buses
Cost:  $4.25 without season ticket or $1.25 with season ticket
Lunch:  Students may pre-order from the pool kiosk or bring lunch from home
Home Departure - Change quickly and be ready to catch the bus with your school group. If leaving early ensure Infants students report to their teacher.
Parents please label all items of clothing. (You would be surprised what gets left behind.)
P&C INFORMATION NIGHT/PRE AGM MEETING
WHEN: This Thursday 11th February 2016
TIME: 6.00 pm
WHERE: School staffroom
The current P & C extends a warm invitation to everyone to join us for a glass of bubbly & nibbles (or a cuppa & a muffin) to discuss the separate roles of the P&C Committee prior to our upcoming AGM. This meeting is to give parents a chance to ask questions and make an informed decision as to whether they are able to contribute to the Committee in any way this year. It also enables parents to have a voice in the running of our P&C with particular focus on the Canteen and Fundraising arms.

The main topics for discussion will be filling the soon-to-be-vacated positions of Canteen Manager (managing the stock and roster) and Fundraising Officer. Current systems will be evaluated and changes can be made if necessary eg. we may alter the current fundraising program or implement a Fundraising Sub-Committee, the role of Canteen Manager could be shared from term to term, etc.

We are a friendly bunch and open to new ideas and suggestions. We realise that we all lead busy lives and many of our parents work full time which is why we need to consider our position with the delivery of services in the light of limited resources. Please be assured you will not get a job if you do not want one!

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 on Thursday mornings, orders can be sent into school. Please enclose payment. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child.

COMMUNITY NEWS
LEAGUE TAG
Any girl turning 10, 11 or 12 this year, wishing to play League Tag on Saturdays is asked to contact Nicole Bethune on 0447 888 368 by the end of this week.

GUNDAGAI PANTHERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Its almost time to strap on those soccer boots! The Gundagai Panthers Soccer Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 9th February at 7.00 pm at the Gundagai Services Club. All committee positions are open, so all parents and supporters are encouraged to attend to ensure a successful 2016 Panthers season. Please advise current club president Jeremy Pearce if you will be attending the meeting – jeremy1pearce@yahoo.com.au or phone 0417 699 418.

GUNDAGAI CONCERT BAND
Any students in Years 4, 5 or 6 interested in learning a concert band instrument - flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, can come along to Gundagai Concert Band. Rehearsals will start on Monday 7th March at the Gundagai High School MPC. Enquiries Karen Byron 0402 730 577 or Brenda Argaet 0427 441 688.

MATHS TEXTBOOKS AND GENERAL CONTRIBUTION
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Please find enclosed $............... for child’s/children’s Maths Text books
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Total amount enclosed $.........................