PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the school Term winds down there is still a lot happening this week at Gundagai Public School.

There has been much speculation about a number of staff changes at the school and this week I can confirm the following changes.

Firstly, Mrs Elphick has accepted a position as relieving Designated Teacher for Learning Assistance, based at Franklin Public School. This position will last for at least Term 2 and 3 and possibly Term 4. Mrs Elphick will be replaced by Ms Erin Weston. Erin has met the class and is in the process of planning for Term 2 from talks with Mrs Elphick.

Secondly, Mrs Armstrong will be taking over the role as the school librarian. Mrs Armstrong replaces Mrs Kingwill whose dedication and work in the library over the years will be sadly missed.

Regardless of these staff changes, the delivery of educational programs will continue to be maintained and presented at a high standard.

Good luck to the boys and girls attending the PSSA touch football trials and rugby league trials this week. It has been a busy term for sport and I congratulate all of the students who have either tried out for teams or represented our school.

A reminder that next term commences Thursday 28th April for students due to the Monday and Tuesday being public holidays (Easter and ANZAC days) and the 27th being the School Development day for staff.

Next Term, the successful Footsteps program will again run for the term, starting in Week 2. Other events for the term include the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) involving Years 3 and 5; CSIRO Scientist visit; School Cross Country and athletics carnival; and one of two Musica Viva concerts.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter and ANZAC Day break and look forward to next Term.

ANZAC DAY

Although ANZAC Day celebrations occur during the holidays this year it is hoped that as many as possible students from Gundagai Public School will be able to participate in the town Parade. Captains are also invited to assist with the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Students attending are asked to assemble outside Lott’s Family Hotel at 10.15 am ready to march at 10.30 am. They need to be dressed in WINTER uniform and be wearing their school hat. The service at the Cenotaph will be conducted at 11.00 am followed by the wreath laying ceremony. The parade returns back down Sheridan Street to the location approximately opposite the Information Centre where the parade will be dismissed.

Brad Griffith
Principal
As the culmination their COGS Unit, Products and Services, 1/2S travelled down to Gundagai’s main street visiting the Westpac Bank and the Gundagai Bakery.
SPORTING ROUND UP...

**PSSA Regional Girls Soccer Trials**
Six Gundagai Public School girls played alongside other girls from the district in the soccer trials in Leeton. The girls competed in two games in their quest to be selected in the Riverina Girls Soccer team. Although unsuccessful the girls played hard and had fun on the soccer field. Ella Manton was selected in the possible and probables team in the midfield, having impressed the selectors during the day. Although Ella didn’t make the Riverina team the experience she gained on the day was invaluable.

**PSSA Regional Boys Soccer Trials**
Six Gundagai Public School boys travelled to Albury last Friday to compete in the regional soccer trials against teams from all over the Riverina. The boys played alongside boys from our district schools under instruction from Mr Reece Masselotto from Brungle Public School. The boys played three games and although defeated in all three games they showed great improvement as the day wore on. Unfortunately nobody was successful in making it any further in the selection process, but all boys played hard and had an enjoyable day.

**PSSA Regional Netball Trials**
Last week Mrs Carpenter ran selection trials for the district netball team. Students from Nangus Public School and South Gundagai Public School also tried for selection. All girls played well and enjoyed the trials. However, it was obvious a team could not be formed strong enough to compete at Regional level.

**Trials this week:**
Girls and Boys Touch and Rugby League Trials will be held this week. Good luck to students participating.

**CLOTHING POOL**
The clothing pool is open every Wednesday 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 Wednesday mornings, orders can be sent into school. Please enclose payment. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child.

**Roster:**
- **Wednesday 6th April**  ~  Bec Smart and Pam Crane
- **Term 2**
  - **Wednesday 4th May**  ~  Meredith Tait
  - **Wednesday 11th May**  ~  Bec Smart

**CANTEEN NEWS**

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**EASTER RAFFLE**
Raffle will be drawn this Thursday 7th April. Could all tickets and money be returned to school by this Wednesday.

**BULB FUNDRAISING**
Deadline for all orders is Thursday 7th April, with orders being delivered early Term 2.

**PAVERS**
Orders for pavers will close at the end of term.
COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST AIDE COURSE
Gumnut will be holding a First Aid Course at Gumnut on Wednesday 6th April starting at 6.00 pm and going to around 10.00 pm. This will be a refresher only, at a cost of $110 per person. If you are interested please RSVP to Gumnut on 6944 1889 or email gumnut1@westnet.com.au

MODIFIED NETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED!
Gundagai Netball Club is looking for more Year 2 or Year 3 girls to join up. At the moment we have made two teams but both need some more players. Please give Tracey a call on 0412 806 400 if you are interested in playing.

GUNDAGAI JUNIOR SOCCER
First training session this Wednesday, 6th April, 4.00 to 5.00 pm at the soccer field.

MOTHER’S DAY TRASH AND TREASURE STALL
~ Friday 6th May 2011 ~

Please support our Mother’s Day stall by sending in **2 items per child** of any new, used or unwanted items from home. Some idea’s include bathroom items such as talcum powder, perfume or soap; kitchen nik naks, chocolate, books, cd’s, craft goods, photo frames, fashion jewellery or any unwanted goods/gifts from home. (Please note, no delicate glass items, sharp objects or knives).

Our aim is to allow each child to select a special gift for their mum, grandma or carer to be given on Mother’s Day.

The Trash & Treasure Stall will take place at lunchtime on Friday 6th May and items will range from 50c to $2.50 each.

Children may bring items to the school office this week or by Tuesday 3rd May.

Thank you for your support.

P&C Committee