Gundagai Public School
The best start for your child’s future

NEWSLETTER

Principal’s Report

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at Gundagai Public School. Also welcome to all of our new students and families. We hope you enjoy your association with Gundagai Public School. Please feel free to contact the school if you need clarification of school programs or procedures. Your first port of call is the classroom teacher.

This year there will some major changes to the class structures at Gundagai Public School. As you may be aware, our enrolments have decreased from previous years due to a smaller kindergarten enrolment than usual and some families moving away from the town. Consequently this year there will most likely be seven classes instead of eight. Due to this and because of the possibility of new enrolments, students will temporarily be grouped in Year levels for this week while classes are being organised.

Schools in NSW are staffed according to enrolments and our smaller enrolment has resulted in some staff changes. While we will not be losing any permanent staff, there may be some changes to the way that Library and Music are delivered. Mrs Armstrong will be taking Reading Recovery and Mrs McIntyre will be the Support Teacher for Learning. There may be some other changes to the way programs are delivered to students and these will be explained as the term rolls on.

Information about SuperCover will also be sent home soon. SuperCover is a great way to pay in advance for all of those extracurricular activities that come up throughout the year. Please read the information provided and consider it as an alternative method of payment. SuperCover is optional and you may still choose to pay for activities as they arise however, last year most of parents chose to use the SuperCover method as an easy alternative.

As the school year begins, we would like to remind parents of the importance of students wearing the appropriate school uniform each day. Our school uniform reflects the school community standards and contributes to the health and safety of students when engaged in school activities. We seek your assistance in ensuring students come to school in the acceptable school uniform.

Brad Griffith
Principal

Intensive Swimming Programme

The second week of the intensive swimming programme commenced today, Monday 31st January and will conclude on Friday 4th February 2011. All students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in this program. New permission notes were issued today to students who have not returned their notes.

Please note: All students need to come to school prepared for swimming each day. A final decision to cancel swimming will only be made prior to the first group departing for the pool. So if a cold snap hits, students must bring with them to school their swimmers, towel, etc. Don’t presume swimming won’t be on.

Reminder: The canteen is closed until further notice.
P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th February commencing at 7.00 pm. The P & C needs your support to be able to continue to run various committees such as clothing pool and canteen. All welcome to attend.

2011 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS
I would like to extend my congratulations to our newly elected student leaders, Amber, Mathew, Chelsea and Harrison and I look forward to their positive contribution and involvement in Gundagai Public School during 2011.

2011 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

School Captain
Amber Britt
School Captain
Mathew Thomson
School Vice-Captain
Chelsea Tout
School Vice-Captain
Harrison Daley

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
• MONSTER Maths Books $2
• Home Reader Bags $4
• Recorders $5
• SRC Badges $4

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking will commence next week. Banking is every Wednesday. New accounts for students can be opened by visiting the local Westpac branch.

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: Tuesday 1st February ~ Bec Smart
        Wednesday 2nd February ~ Bec Smart

Please note: Clothing Pool will be open tomorrow, Tuesday 1st February from 9.00 to 10.00 am.

COMMUNITY NEWS
AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OOSH) ~ CHANGE OF BUSES
Please note: We have had a change in our bus service for delivery to OOSH starting today Monday 31st January 2011. Children will now travel on the Tarcutta Bus to OOSH. This service will be provided by Paul Eccleston’s Bus Service.

GUNDAGAI PANTHERS SOCCER CLUB
Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February commencing at 7.00 pm at the Services Club.

GUNDAGAI JUNIOR TOUCH
Junior Touch to commence this Wednesday. Sub juniors and juniors ALL at 5.00 pm.