PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It was fantastic to see the talents and achievements of all of our students displayed during Open Day. The Book Fair was also well attended and very profitable considering it was only open for a short time on the day. Thank you to the teaching staff for their efforts during the lead up to Education Week and Open Day and to those parents who were able to attend.

Also last week the Kindergarten students were given the opportunity to plant a tree to mark Planet Ark Tree Day event. With the assistance from Mr Hartshorn, our General Assistant, the students planted forty native trees along the bank of the bottom sports oval. During their time at Gundagai Public school, the students will be able to watch their trees grow and know that they have helped sustain that part of the school environment.

One of the highlights on the calendar is the Trent Barrett Shield. Good luck to those students from Years 3 and 4 who are involved today.

Last term I mentioned that a Gifted and Talented workshop for Writing was being conducted by the Riverina Highlands cluster of high schools. Three of our students, Antonia Crichton Brown, Zoe Hayes, and Josie McInerney, were involved in this, all producing exemplary work. Due to the success of the program, it was decided that it would continue this term resulting in a second workshop being held for the girls involved this Wednesday. Later in the term there will also be a similar workshop for mathematics and I will keep you informed once more is known.

Finally, its one week before the excursion to Mt Selwyn. Students and parents are reminded to read carefully the information sent home to ensure adequate clothing is provided on the day. A special meeting for those students involved will be held tomorrow to address any concerns.

Brad Griffith
Principal

GALAXY OF BOOKS BOOKFAIR
Thank you to all those people who contributed to the success of the book fair. Your generous purchases have enabled us to keep $1030 worth of books for the library and literacy room.

Scholastic Book Fairs generously donated funds to be used as prizes for the book fair. Congratulations to these lucky children who were the winners of the colouring in competition and received a $10 voucher to spend at the book fair. The lucky winners were: Jessica Hlywa, Charli Fiddes, Welsey Murray, Jordan Cooper, Kaelleigh Rowley, Amber Britt and Britney Wilson.

Overall we were very happy with the success of the book fair. People who have items ordered should receive these within the next fortnight. Thank you again for you continuing support of our book fairs.

Susan Armstrong
Librarian

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held this Wednesday, 10th August at 10.00 am. All welcome to attend.
TREE DAY
MT SELWYN SKI TRIP REMINDER
A reminder that next Monday, 15 August, is the day we go to Mt Selwyn. All students attending need to be at the school by 5.45 am for roll call. The bus will depart at 6.00 am sharp. Students are reminded to bring all food, snacks and drinks. No money is required. Students require water proof gloves, ski goggles/sunglasses, beanie/cap, sunscreen, warm woollen clothing, extra pair of socks and a plastic bag to place all wet items in. Parents need to be at school by 5.45 pm to collect their children. Organising staff will be Mr Griffith. If you have any questions please contact the school on 6944 1811.

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS
Every Tuesday at 9.40 am students from Year 5/6 report on the weekly goings on of our school and community. The students speak for approximately ten minutes. This week our presenters are: Tate Brooke and Keylea Castles.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
A reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes 24th August 2011. Please borrow extra books from the library if needed.

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 10th August ~ Lin Murray
        Wednesday 17th August ~ Meredith Tait

PRICE RISE
Please note, as of Wednesday 27th July there has been a price rise for the Navy Polo Fleece Jumpers and Royal Blue/Gold Sports Fleece Jumpers. These will now cost $30 each.

NEW MICROFIBRE HATS
Our new microfibre hats are now in stock. These will sell for $22.00 each.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
AFTER SCHOOL KNITTING AT GUNDAGAI LIBRARY
Learn how to loom knit at Gundagai Library from 4.00 to 4.45 pm on Fridays (12th August to 30th September) Ages 10-17 years. Looms are available for borrowing from Gundagai Library using your card or bring along your own blue or green round loom. Cost: $2 per week for yarn and beads. Book by calling Sandra Simpson on 6944 1449. Information on lessons available from the school office.

ASHTON CIRCUS
Ashton Circus will be in Gundagai 26th, 27th and 28th August. They have generously given each child a half price ticket voucher for Friday 26th performance, for up to four people. You must ring and book to be eligible for half price tickets on 0407 120 953.