**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

It’s another busy week at Gundagai Public School. It hard to believe that the term is almost half over!

Tomorrow evening, the school will hold a Parent Information afternoon from 4.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to find out about the programs planned for this year. A variety of topics that are relevant to your child and his/her learning this year will be covered. Afternoon tea will also be available in the library. A separate note requesting your attendance was attached to last week’s newsletter. If you intend on attending and haven’t replied, please do so by tomorrow to assist with catering.

Good luck to those students who will attend the Regional Swimming Carnival on Friday in Albury. We have a strong representation from our school and I am sure they will do their best.

This Friday is also Schools Clean Up day as part of the annual Clean Up Australia program. Although we have a relatively small amount of litter around our school it’s important for students to be involved in community activities that encourage caring for the environment. During the Day, classes will be involved in cleaning up in and around the school grounds, removing litter and unsightly debris. Students are asked to bring gloves to assist.

*Brad Griffith  
Principal*

**BOOKFAIR! BOOKFAIR! BOOKFAIR! BOOKFAIR!**

As part of our library activities this term we will be hosting a Scholastic Bookfair. Children will be given the opportunity to view books and create their wish lists during Week 7 and opportunities to purchase books will be made available in Week 8.

Bookfairs provide a wonderful opportunity for children to build their own home libraries and contribute to their ongoing literacy development. Rewards offered by Scholastic also help us to keep our library stocked with popular current titles that ensure children remain interested in reading.

Come along and browse the Bookfair during Week 8.

**QUEENSLAND FLOOD FUNDRAISING DAY**

Be a “Flood Fundraiser” on Thursday 3rd March. Show your support to the Queensland flood victims by leaving your school uniform in the cupboard and dressing in something Maroon, if possible. Don’t forget to bring along a gold coin donation for this wonderful cause!

**PSSA REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This Friday the Gundagai District PSSA team will be traveling to Albury to compete in the Regional Carnival at the Albury Swim Centre Norieul Park. The team will be traveling by Makehams Coach, departing from the Gundagai Tourist Centre at 6.15 am sharp and will be supervised by Mrs Bronwyn Annetts, Principal, Nangus Public School. We wish all of our 17 participating students well.
PSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The school swimming team performed very well at the district carnival last Tuesday with some tough competition from the small schools. Gundagai Public School was awarded the Gundagai and District PSSA Aggregate Points Trophy by the narrowest of margins seen for many years.

Mrs French and Mr Shipp reported that the children’s efforts were to be applauded, as was their behaviour. It was great to see the children cheering and supporting each other in a very positive way.

Special thanks to all parents who supported our swimmers and especially to those parents who assisted with time keeping.

HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS
Winners of the hamper drive at the PSSA District Swimming Carnival:
- First: Mitchell French
- Second: Annika Smith
- Third: Wesley Murray
- Fourth: Elysha Anderson

Thank you to parents who donated grocery items and/or purchased raffle tickets.

Congratulations to the Age Champions:

JUNIOR CHAMPION
Maranda Carberry

11 YEAR CHAMPION
Antonia Crichton-Brown

11 YEAR CHAMPION
Henry Lotz

SENIOR CHAMPION
Chelsea Tout

SENIOR CHAMPION
Joseph Carberry

HONOUR BOARD - WEEKS 4 and 5
This segment of the newsletter acknowledges the achievements of students who receive merit certificates at the fortnightly whole school assembly.

K/1F Edward Brooke, George Tait, Kane Lindley and William Beggs
1/2E Jonty Hourn, Matilda Carberry, Jessie Cooper and Cohan Rowley
1/2S Tyler Roberts, Toby Dasey, Bella Brain and Jamie Thomson
3C Braith Crane, Jordan Cooper, Lucy Doughty and Logan Coultan-Wescombe
4S Maranda Carberry, Nathan Crane, Grace Hlywa and Seamus Nowell-Ash
5/6E Mark Taprell, Gus Lindley, Tahlia Crane and Bailey Cooper
5/6F Jake Elphick, Cassandra Nicholls, Joseph Carberry and Emily McDonald

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking is every Wednesday. New accounts for students can be opened by visiting the local Westpac branch.
THE RIGHT WAY
To assist parents in their understanding of how things work at Gundagai Public School, each newsletter this term we will provide information on the school’s operation.

Riding Bikes/Scooters To School
As Gundagai Public School is in close proximity to busy roads and the highway the following guidelines have been put in place:

- Students must have written permission from a parent / guardian before they can ride to school.
- Students should have a good knowledge of the road rules and experience with riding on and in proximity of busy roads.
- Students should enter the school grounds from either the bottom gate or main entrance, not the top car park entrance. If using the main entrance, bikes need to be walked along the path, not taken through the car park.
- Once in the school grounds bikes are not permitted to be ridden at any time.
- At the end of the day, cyclists will push their bikes to the bus line area and wait to be dismissed by the teacher on duty.
- Students must have a road worthy bike or scooter before they are allowed to ride to school.
- Students must follow the road rules whilst on bikes which includes wearing a bike helmet. Students without a helmet will not be permitted to ride their bike from school.

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 2nd March ~ Bec Smart and Pam Crane  
Wednesday 9th March ~ Meredith Tait

CANTEEN NEWS

OUR CANTEEN IS RE-OPENING
Canteen will be open on MONDAY’s and WEDNESDAY’s from next week, Monday 7th March 2011, thanks to the incredible Mums, Dads and one Nanna who volunteered.

Thank you to the parents who offered to work Thursday and Friday, there wasn’t enough helpers to make it feasible.

A new canteen menu will be sent home later in the week. SEE YOU AT CANTEEN!

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P & C NEWS

PAVER PROJECT
Orders need to be sent into school as soon as possible, so the pavers can be ordered.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Reminder:  P & C parents to bring a plate. Please drop into the library on the way to your child’s classroom.
COMMUNITY NEWS

GUMNUT OPEN NIGHT
You are invited to attend an open night at Gumnut on Tuesday 1st March 2011 starting at 5.30pm. Each room will be hosting a brief introductory session around their routines and procedures running for around 15 minutes per room. Parents will be able to meet staff and get an overview of where staff will be heading over the next 12 months with your child’s learning. Babies – 5.30pm; Toddlers – 5.45 pm; Preschoolers – 6pm. Please RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you all.

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY ~ Friday 4 March 2011
Our students plan to make our patch of Australia shine this Friday when we participate in the National Schools Clean Up Australia Day. Since 1992 children all around Australia have turned out in their hundreds of thousands to help Clean Up Australia. Schools' Clean Up Day is specifically designed to allow students to participate in Clean Up Australia as part of a school activity. It's a great way for students of all ages to learn about how to reduce the impact of waste on our environment and make a real difference in their local community. A pair of sturdy gloves will prove useful accessories.

Students will spend a small part of Friday cleaning up the school grounds or streets that adjoin our school.

- K-3 students will clean up the school grounds
- 4S will clean up Friendship Park
- 5/6E and 5/6F students will clean up William Street from bus zone to sale yards

.PERMISSION NOTE – CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
(4S, 5/6E and 5/6F ONLY)
I give permission for my child/ren…………………………………………………………………..to participate in Schools Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 4th March 2011.

- 4S will clean up Friendship Park
- 5/6E and 5/6F students will clean up William Street from bus zone to sale yards

Signed………………………………………………………………….  Date…………………………….

Please return to your classroom teacher by Thursday 3rd March 2011.