

# Gulargambone Central School

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## **Principal's Report**

Congratulations to all of our students who travelled to Coonamble to play in the Peachy – Richardson football & netball carnival on Thursday. We had girls joining with Baradine players netball to make a team as well as Year 3/4 and 5/6 rugby league teams playing. Congratulations and thank you to all students on the behaviour and co-operation shown by all students, it is a pleasure to know that our students treat extra curricula activities as a privilege and act accordingly. Special congratulations to the 3/4 rugby league who won their round robin, the semi-final and grand-final.

Tomorrow our whole school will attend our numeracy excursion to Taronga Zoo in Dubbo. This is a wonderful opportunity for all students and I thank our teachers for initiating and creating the event. Many appropriate tasks have been designed specifically to meet the all students' levels of learning. The bus is leaving at 8:00am so breakfast will be served from 7:45am – 8:00am

Thank you to those parents and community members who attended the P&C meeting. It was evident by the increased numbers that the new time of 9:00am in the morning suits more people. As I have mentioned on a number of occasions, it is great to hear from your opinion on various matters regarding the school and your child's education. Our next planned meeting is on in week 3 of next term, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Our healthy lunch program had a positive start last week. Thank you to all students for your patience, manners and cooperation. Your teachers have done a wonderful job of initiating and implementing this program and it is wonderful to see the genuine appreciation shown by all students. As the next phase of implementation, I would like to invite all parents to a consultation meeting next Wednesday at 12:20pm. At this meeting parents be able to sample the meals

that have been cooked as part of the program. We will offer some information about the benefits of the program and discuss with you methods of payment once the trial period is completed. Most importantly, we will be looking for your feedback. We would like to hear your opinion on the positives and any concerns or suggestions for improvement that you have.

***Michael Spora – Principal***

## **K-6 Report**

Well winners are grinners and last week we couldn't wipe the smiles off the faces of the boys who competed in and won the Peachy Shield in Coonamble. Barrel was very proud of the way you all played. Several spectators told me that Jaylem Peters was untouchable on the field and was a very deserving player of the day. Special mention should also go to Connor Smith who played in this team as well and even though he doesn't have size on his side, he played fearlessly against much bigger players. Well done boys, they now go onto play in Dubbo in the coming weeks.

Last week we started our lunch program for the whole school. Mrs Mills is doing an excellent job of coordinating all the meals and all of her helpers throughout the week did a great job of preparing and serving the food to the students. Students learn more effectively and are happier at school if they have full tummies so everyone is very appreciative of the initiative shown in getting this program up and running.



Today we held our fortnightly whole school assembly. It is wonderful to be able to acknowledge all of our hard working students more regularly. Our next assembly will be held on Monday 6th June at 12.15pm.

Today we also had a visiting performance. The production was called 'It's a Mad World". There was a fantastic display of showmanship and circus skills throughout the performance. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A massive thanks must go to Mrs Ryan for organising it for the whole school and to Mr Spora for subsidising the cost of the performance so the all our students could enjoy it at no cost to our families.

Tomorrow we are off to the zoo and everyone is very excited. Hopefully the weather stays beautiful and we can all enjoy the day. Remember the bus leaves for the zoo at 8am so don't be late!

**Liz Ede**  
**Assistant Principal**

### **Secondary Report**

#### **Half Yearly Exams**

Year 7-10 Half Yearly Exams will be held next week during week 6. I would encourage all of the students to start a revision program at home or/and to use the Homework centre to prepare for these exams.

#### **Dubbo Zoo Excursion**

This Tuesday students will be participating in an excursion to the Dubbo Zoo. Students are to be in full school uniform and will be leaving from the school at 8.00 am.

#### **Touch Football**

Students participating in under 16's touch at Dubbo will be leaving the school at 7.30 am on Thursday.

Students participating in opens touch at Dubbo will be leaving the school at 7.30 am on Friday.

### **Primary Industries Excursion**

Last week the Primary Industries class participated in a lamb marking activity. Students utilise these days to gain skills required for successful completion of the course. All of the students got in and had a go and displayed excellent behaviour.



**Gianni Standing**  
**Head Teacher**

**P & C MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**  
**9:15AM**  
**IN THE LIBRARY**

**Secondary English**

In Term 2 our Secondary English students have been busy learning all about poetry. Years 7/8 have been having fun with rhythm and rhyme (as them to show you "Limbo"! ) while year 9/10 have been learning about the ways in which poetry can appeal to our sense of sight, smell, hearing and touch. The cooler weather we've had was the perfect opportunity to write a poem about Autumn – the class worked so hard drafting and publishing their writing and I hope you enjoy their finished poems.

*Chilly Autumn Day*

Glimmering sunshine shining through the window  
Autumn leaves are falling, and twirling, and swirling  
Falling down to the autumn ground  
The smell of fresh coffee and tea awaken me  
From my slumber.

Get up, get up! Time for some soup!  
I grab my woolly hoodie and head for the kitchen  
Crunch! On a leaf from outside  
Autumn is calling me "come outside! Come and play!"  
Go outside. Play in the leaves.  
The wind gets up. I go back.  
Back into the warm house I go.

By Chelcey Hancock

*Autumn*

It was a warm sunny day  
As the leaves fell off the trees  
Like a pile of yellow, brown pillows

As you walk past the trees  
You hear the wind blowing

Them around  
As your feet fall to the  
Ground you hear them crushing  
Under your feet

So you run inside to put  
Your wool jumper on  
And can smell the fresh air  
And smoke through it

Then you have the taste  
Of hot chocolate and soup.

By Roslyn Darcy

*Autumn*

*I could hear the wind  
And leaves flying around*

*Coffee smell was flowing  
Through my nose*

*I grabbed my warm woolly  
Jumper out of my  
Cupboard*

*Smelled the smoke from  
The fire.*

*By Dwayne Hammond*

**Secondary History**

Year 7/8 have been hard at work investigating the ancient past. Our junior archaeologists have investigated historical mysteries including Pompeii and the Narrabeen Man. Their enthusiasm has made the topic immensely enjoyable and we are looking forward to testing our skills out when we study Ancient Egypt next term.

Year 9/10 are studying the making of modern Australia and how events around the world over 200 years ago are still impacting on us today. We've enjoyed connecting important historical events to our local area and are excited to continue this for the rest of the term.

In the lead-up to ANZAC Day we took a break from our regular studies to focus on Remembrance and the ANZAC Spirit. The students decided they wanted to do something



special to mark the Centenary of ANZAC, and began work on our Poppy Wall. So far, we have over 270 poppies. We are hoping to finish this project (filling the whole wall) by Remembrance Day (11 November). It is a big job, so we must thank all of our students – primary and secondary - for their contributions!



Miss Mortimore

*Congratulations to the following students for reaching levels in PBL:*

#### **LEVEL 1:**

**Tristian Philp** (Year 1)

#### **LEVEL 2:**

**Billyjack Lees** (Kinder)

**Bradley McEwen** (Year 11)

#### **LEVEL 3:**

**Bayleigh Fardell** (Kinder)

**Mason Peters** (Kinder)

**Lachlan Profke** (Kinder)

**Shavenah Reid** (Kinder)

**Ruby Smith** (Kinder)

**Peter Peters** (Year 1)

**Maddison McEwen** (Year 1)

**Levi Peters** (Year 2)

**Connor Smith** (Year 2)

**Jaylem Peters** (Year 4)

**Destiny Sampson** (Year 7)



#### **LEVEL 4:**

**Armarni Dixon** (Kinder)

**Bayleigh Fardell** (Kinder)

**Mason Peters** (Kinder)

**Lachlan Profke** (Kinder)

**Shavenah Reid** (Kinder)

**Ruby Smith** (Kinder)

**Lillie Bressington** (Year 1)

**Jay Mullard** (Year 1)

**Stephanie Fardell** (Year 2)

#### **LEVEL 5:**

**Tallis McEwen** (Year 4)

#### **Education Services Forum supporting Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Agreement**

As part of the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Agreement educational services personnel from the Department of Education invite members of the community to participate in a forum about the Wellbeing Framework.

The forum will give the community an opportunity to hear about the Education Department's approach to wellbeing and provide an understanding of the behaviour code for students, Suspension and Expulsion of School Students policy and attendance requirements.

The forum will be held at Gulargambone Central School on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and run from 9:15 to 10:15am (1 hour) we look forward to seeing you there.

**Chantelle Brown**

**Learning & Wellbeing officer**