It is week 2 already and our students and staff have had a great start to the term. I welcome all of our new Gulmarrad families and hope to catch up with everyone over the coming weeks. Thank you to Mrs Munro who very capably led the school team during my long service leave. Please keep a watch on our calendar of events in the newsletter as there are many activities planned in the upcoming weeks.

**2016 KINDERGARTEN**

Tomorrow morning we welcome our 2016 Kindergarten children to their first official Orientation session with Mrs Munro. The morning also includes a parent information session and will take place from 9.00-11.00am. All interested Kindergarten 2016 children and their parents are invited to attend.

**STAFF NEWS**

The increase in student enrolments last week has had a positive effect on our staffing entitlement. Changes for this term are: Mrs Menzies will now be team teaching in the Kindergarten room with Mrs Munro and in the Year 5 classroom with Mr Munro four days each week. Mrs Connolly will be team teaching with both classes each Wednesday. Mrs Connolly will continue teaching the PE component of release from face to face for all classes and takes on the Library component. Mrs Sonter will now be teaching all of the Learning and Support program for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and continues with Mr Stanger’s class each Wednesday. If any parents have any queries regarding the increased allocation please contact me.

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

Due to the enrolment increase the school is eligible for a demountable classroom to be installed. Applications are in progress and I have been told we should have another classroom within five - six weeks.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL**

The response to our school musical ‘There’s No Business Like Show Business’ has been amazing. The feedback is testament to the tremendous efforts that staff and students put in to the show. Despite a major hiccup with the blackout the show went on the following week which also shows the determined focus of our students and staff. Well done and congratulations to all involved.
SCHOOL MUSICAL PHOTOGRAPHS
Mrs Cooper has set up a specific website with photographs of the musical and information on how to access the site has been sent home. Thank you to Mrs Cooper for all of the extra work organising this. I am sure families and friends will be very appreciative once they have seen the photographs.

SPRAY DEODORANTS
Some students have been bringing in spray deodorants and using them throughout the day. Spraying the deodorant around other students is a safety concern and we ask that if parents believe there is a real need for their child to reapply deodorant during the day to send in a roll-on deodorant. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The assembly will be held this Friday starting at 2.15pm. The class item will be by 3/4O. Any outstanding Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire Awards from last term will also be presented. We look forward to seeing parents and families at the assembly.

THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY
Time is running out for parents to contribute to our online Partners in Learning survey. The survey closes on Friday 23 October. Thank you to the parents who have already accessed the survey. Simply go to the Tell Them From Me website and the **username** is: parent17027 and **password** is: Gul2099.
This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements and help us to plan for the future. Your contribution is appreciated.

P&C INFORMATION
The P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 October starting at 7pm. This is held in the school staffroom. The P&C meetings are an opportunity to become an active member of the parent school community and to support your child’s school so please come along.

PARENT LITERACY AND NUMERACY WORKSHOPS
Last term an EOI regarding possible parent workshops focusing on Literacy and Numeracy to be presented this term was attached to a newsletter. At this stage we have only had around four responses. In previous years these workshops have been very valuable for parents as they focus on what is happening in our classrooms and how parents can support their child at home. If you would be interested in attending either or both workshops please return the EOI attached to this newsletter.

Regards,

Robyn Urquhart - Principal

Parent Literacy and Numeracy Workshops Term 4 Gulmarrad PS
Name: ______________________________________________________
I am interested in attending:
Literacy Workshop:  
Numeracy Workshop  

YEAR 7 2017 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Applications for entry to Year 7 high school placement in government selective schools for 2017 are now being accepted. Applications are online only and can be made between 13 October and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016. Further information is available at the school office or the application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

GULMARRAD CHOIR AT THE COLDSTREAM

The Surfing the Coldstream music festival has invited the children of G.P.S to sing at this year’s festival. The festival will take place on Saturday, October 17th at Flinders park above Main Beach in Yamba. Parents are asked to accompany their children to the festival from 3-4:15 pm. Please be near the Main Stage during the Coldstream community showcase so the kids are ready to jump up when Ryan calls them to sing. Don’t forget to wear your school uniform! The Gulmarrad choirs will be joined by singers from other nearby schools who have been learning the same songs for the festival. The kids were a highlight at last years’ festival and this one should be even better! Watch this space for more info.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Wednesday the 16th of September 75 students participated in our school’s ‘Jump Off.’ Everyone skipped in teams and enjoyed themselves knowing they were raising much needed funds for “The Heart Foundation”. I would like to thank all who participated and received sponsors. Special thanks also to thank Miss Connolly for her assistance throughout the term. To date we have raised over $7000.00 which is an incredible amount of money! Once money totals are finalised at school I will inform The Heart Foundation and the ‘thank you prizes’ will be organised for the students who raised certain amounts. In appreciation Ms Wallace.

NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

Photos from last term’s school performance “There’s No Business Like Show Business” are available for download from the following link: http://gulmarrad1.wix.com/nobusiness

Before accessing the site you will be asked to sign in as a member using your email address and a password of your choice. This information is purely for security purposes; your details will not be permanently recorded.

To scroll through the gallery use your mouse to hover over the left or right hand sides so that an arrow appears.

Double click thumbnails to enlarge. Once enlarged, right click a photo to save.

Photos will be available for download until the end of the month.

Please be mindful of student’s privacy and avoid sharing photos on social media e.g. Facebook etc, sites without permission.

If you have any trouble with the website, have any questions or if you are unable to gain access to a computer please contact the office (6645 2587).
A favourite activity of 3/4O is to build structures using the base 10 blocks in Mathematics. A lesson on volumes gave them the opportunity to do exactly that. Here are some photos of our budding Minecraft engineers using blocks to calculate the volume of regular shape boxes in cubic centimetres ($\text{cm}^3$).

**Writing**

3/4O have also been spending a lot of time writing narratives. Check out some of the examples below.

Bang! I could barely see all I could smell was the strange mixture in the pot. “Help!” I heard from over on the other side of the classroom. I knew that scream from anywhere. It was Harry. I felt a strange button although it was not a button. It was a switch.

“Grrrrr!” goes the thunder as it roared through the sky. “I’m scared” I said “I hope we get home soon Lucy” I whispered.
NUDE FOOD DAY

Nude Food day will be held on **Friday 16th October**. Don’t forget to send in healthy food with as little packaging as possible to encourage healthy, rubbish free lunches at school.

**Here are some healthy rubbish free food ideas:**

**Food with no packaging:**
- Banana
- Kiwi Fruit
- Orange
- Boiled Egg
- Apple
- Carrot
- Beans
- Snow Peas

**Food in small reusable containers:**
- Yoghurt
- Fruit salad
- Cheese Cubes
- Vegetable sticks with dip
- Sandwiches or Salads
- Wholegrain crackers with cheese slices
- Plain/fruit/savoury scones or pikelets
- Homemade savoury or fruit muffins
- Pasta or rice dishes
- Soup in a thermos

**Tips for Buying Local:**
- Read labels or ask where produce has come from - choose products that are locally produced where possible
- If possible find greengrocers, butchers and seafood shops that sell local food
- Choose ‘in season’ produce - it is more likely to be produced locally, is freshest and tastiest and available at the best price
- Grow your own or get involved with a community garden - you can’t get any more local than your own backyard!
- Shop at farmers markets – food is often cheaper and you can often talk to the farmer who grew the produce
- Order farm fresh produce packs online - delivery to your door
- Store vegetables and fruit carefully at home to ensure their best value for health.

Gulmarrad Public School is committed to ensuring good health for our children and for our planet. We hope our ‘Nude Food Day’ encourages a sustained healthy and environmentally friendly change to our children’s lunches for their future.

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**P & C**

For up-to-date information about the P & C don’t forget to check out the Gulmarrad P & C’s Facebook page.

For any information regarding the school, upcoming events or activities please contact Pattie or Colleen in the office on 6645 2587 or go to the school website -


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Students are not the only ones who are back this term.

Head lice have made an early appearance. Let’s get these unwanted visitors under control by regularly checking your children’s hair, keeping long hair tied back and not sharing hats.
Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 15 Oct 9 - 11am
(Parent Info Session)
Thurs 22 Oct 9 - 11am
Thurs 29 Oct 9 - 11am
Thurs 5 Nov 9 - 11am
(Parent Info Session)