Wednesday 28 October 2015

Gulmarrad Public School

Look to the Future

Providing quality educational opportunities for all students in a positive and caring environment

Principal’s Page

GONSKI WEEK

This week is Gonski Week and focuses on funding to all schools – Public, Catholic, Anglican and Independent. I have briefly outlined what Gonski is and where it originated.

A review of education funding commenced in 2010 with Mr David Gonski as the chair of the Review of Funding for Schools Committee. In its final report the Review of Funding for Schools (known as the Gonski report) found that the then current school funding system was inequitable and duplicated funding in some areas. It proposed to fund school and students on the basis of need, taking into account average measures of disadvantage at a school level, including students who are Indigenous, from a low socio-economic background, low level disability or living in a remote area. The centre of the recommendations was that there is a rate of funding for students which would bring all schools up to a minimum standard.

This was introduced as a six year funding scheme from the Federal Government however Federal politics has seen a change of Prime Ministers and Education Ministers since its inception with various interpretations on the model. The funding is now known as the ‘Better Schools Funding’ model. The NSW State Government has remained firm with the model and funding allocations to schools are based on school and student needs.

Our school has benefited from the new funding model with significant impacts made upon our Learning and Support program, Aboriginal Education program, Teacher Professional Learning program as well as opening up opportunities for our students’ in technology and Literacy.

I encourage all parents to visit the Gonski website to show your support for the continuation of this funding into the 5th and 6th year. Continued funding will help to ensure effective programs continue and benefit all of our students. Visit: www.igiveagonski.com.au

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The next school assembly will be held this Friday 30 October starting at 2.15pm. The class item will be by 1/2C. We look forward to seeing parents and families at the assembly.

Canteen Roster

Sorry, We’re CLOSED

Dates to Remember

Thursday 29 October
- Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 11am

Friday 30 October
- 3 - 6 Sport
- School Assembly - 1/2C Item

Thursday 5 November
- Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 11am
  (Includes Parent Information Session & Morning Tea)

Wednesday 11 November
- Yr 5 lake Ainsworth Excursion

Monday 16 November
- “Learn to Swim” starts

Recess: 11 - 11.30am Lunch: 1.15- 2.00pm

466 Brooms Head Rd Gulmarrad NSW 2463
Phone: (02) 6645 2587 Fax: (02) 6645 3220
Email: gulmarrad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
STATE CONFERENCE

Last week I attended the NSW Primary Principals’ State Conference in Sydney. The conference was opened by the Premier of NSW Hon. Mike Baird and the NSW Minister for Education Hon. Adrian Piccoli. Keynote speakers included Rosie Batty, Simon Breakspear, Dr Carmel Harrington, Dr Matt McClure, John Foreman OAM and Catherine McGregor. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear from world leaders in education.

P&C INFORMATION

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 November 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.

Regards,

Robyn Urquhart
Principal

---

CHOIR NEWS

Ryan has asked families to mark the date for the choir performance at the Yamba markets to be held on Sunday November 22.

---

News from the Library

This week in library we have some exciting new books on display! Last week students were exploring the My Library feature on their portal page. We looked at how we could search for books by topic, author and title. Students are able to search for a book in our school and local libraries from home! This comes in handy on library days so that students are able to locate a book they would like to read.

Stages 2&3 learned about the Dewey System and are now able to locate and replace their books!

Kindergarten and Stage 1 have been decorating their library with interesting facts about sea turtles and dolphins. We have been comparing Fiction and Non-Fiction text features and learning how to locate them.

Lunch times are fun in the library with several students playing board games and others using the iPads and computers. Please remember girls and boys that we need to line up outside the computer room and retrieve our technology with care and respect.

That’s all from me and until next time, keep reading!!

Miss Connolly
As part of our History program students were asked to research a key figure, event or issue in Australia’s Democratic History and present this information to the class. The students were extremely creative producing power points, placards, photo albums, dioramas and posters.

Science lessons provided students with hands on shared experiences of how light travels enabling us to see objects.

Students created peek boxes to investigate the best way to see an object in the box without removing the lid or opening the box.

We also investigated how we could reflect light around a pile of books.

Students also demonstrated how light travels in a straight line by standing in front of a light source creating silhouettes.
Well it’s almost that time of year again!! The P&C are looking for donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle!

Each class will have a suggested topic for donations and a box in the classroom to place the donated items into.

If anyone has any items that they may be looking to re-gift or have suitable baskets, boxes or flexi style tubs that are in great condition we would love to use them to make up our hampers. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Please send items into school by Monday 22nd of November.

A further note will follow with details of prizes, tickets sales and draw date.

The Class Suggestions are as follow:

KM- Packet Items e.g. cake mixes, chips, lollies, biscuits etc.
1/2C – Tinned items e.g tinned fruit, beans/spaghetti, soups etc.
1/2 W- Personal Care e.g. soaps, shampoos & conditioners, lotions etc.
3/4 O- Bottles & Jars e.g. pre-made sauces, coffee, jams etc.
3/4 S – Drinks e.g. soft drinks, juices, cordial, water etc.
5M- Fishing and Beach items e.g. sunscreen, bucket and spade set, fishing lures etc.
6Mc – Something for the Ladies, Gents or Kidlets e.g chocolates, hair or beauty products, socks, deck of cards or small game items etc.

Looking forward to seeing a spectacular response to our request so that we can have a MONSTER size draw!!

New stock has arrived!!!!
Gulmarrad Public School back packs are back on sale and available for $40.00 from the school office.

“LEARN TO SWIM”
There are a few places left in the “Learn To Swim” program. Thank you to those who have returned their notes. If you have paid and are yet to receive a receipt please contact the office - 6645 2587.

For more school information please view our website on: www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Eager Emu’s excited to be at “Big School”

The last two weeks have been an exciting time in KM with Mrs Munro, Mrs Niemiec and Ms Connolly welcoming our new “Eager Emu’s”. The orientation days have been action packed with story-time, craft, games, crunch & sip and checking out the library and technology room. These days are a great way of introducing pre-schoolers to “Big School” as well as giving them an opportunity to meet their teachers and Buddies for next year. It’s not too late to come along and join the “Eager Emu’s as the orientation program continues from 9 - 11am on Thursday 29 October. The final day on Thursday 5 November includes a parents information session and morning tea. Pattie in the office is happy to accept completed enrolment forms at anytime or if you still require an enrolment pack or bus form please call in and see her.
Gulmarrad Public School
Kindergarten
2016

Contact
466 Brooms Head Road
GULMARRAD NSW 2463
P: 02 6645 2587
E: gulmarrad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 29 Oct 9 - 11am
Thurs 5 Nov 9 - 11am
(Parent Info Session)