

Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

Principal's Report



Dear families,

Welcome to Week 2. It is wonderful to be back in the swing of things and having the students in the classrooms. We are one of only three schools in our network who were able to return to face to face learning to begin the term and we feel very lucky. It has been a transition of course. For many students learning at home, with no distractions, or social interactions to navigate really suits them and coming back to school is a big change. For others, being back with the interactions, and stimulus of people around them has been a very welcome return to 'normality'. There are 126 different personalities in our school and our teachers do an amazing job of ensuring they know and appreciate each of them. The wellbeing of the students is of utmost importance and a great deal of time and energy goes into ensuring that our students are safe, happy and ready to learn. Over the coming weeks we will be seeking feedback from parents and students as to how we as a school are achieving this important goal and what we could do to further improve our practices.

As I mentioned last week, an important goal this term is to engage in assessment with every student to identify where they are currently at in Maths and English and to plan learning experiences to meet them at their point of need. The assessments we are utilising have been developed by the NSW Department of Education to give us a deeper understanding of students' learning, including what knowledge they have, where there may be a 'gap' in their learning that needs to be addressed and where we can support them to achieve next. As you can imagine, it is a huge undertaking to administer these assessments for the first time to all students to establish an individual 'baseline' for every child. The result of this will be clear information about exactly where your child is at which we look forward to sharing with you.

We are certainly missing having parents on site, but we are so appreciative of how respectfully all families have adhered to the current rules. We have introduced into the newsletter this week "Wow Work' which is a section dedicated to sharing the wonderful learning that is occurring in classrooms. Teachers have also sent home class letters and emails this week, and many classes have ongoing weekly updates. We hope that the time taken to keep you informed goes some way to ensuring you still feel very much a part of your child's learning journey.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Regards,

Bec Harris

P and C Thank You Lunch

Our wonderful P&C set up a beautiful surprise lunch for the Gundaroo staff this week. It was so special to enjoy some time in the sun together.

We are so privileged to have such an incredible group of people supporting our school. It has been a challenging time for our P&C over the past year and a half as their opportunities to fundraise have been limited by the pandemic. Despite this, they continue to actively support the school with the purchase of new laptops, readers and an air conditioning unit for one of the classrooms, to name a few things achieved this year.

If you would be interested in joining the P&C, they meet next week (via Zoom) on Thursday night at 7pm and would love to see some new faces. Email Emma to be added to the P&C email list and/or for details about the meeting - gundaroopc@gmail.com









Year 6

 $Year\ 6\ students\ took\ some\ time\ on\ Friday\ to\ get\ back\ to\ basics.\ A\ walk\ to\ the\ Common,\ some\ time\ alone\ to\ reflect\ and\ some\ together\ to\ connect.$









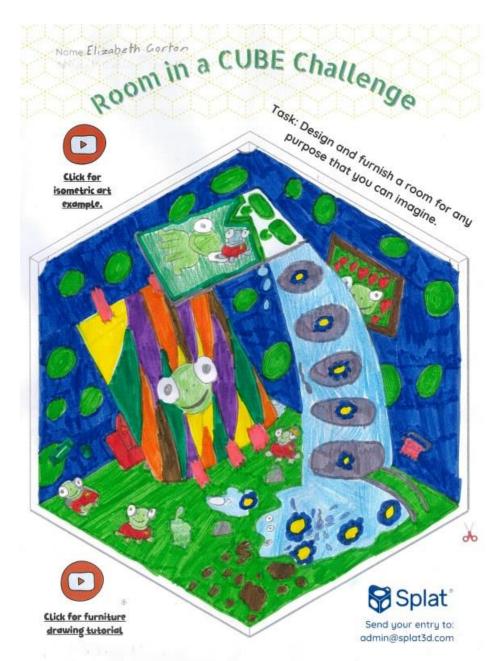




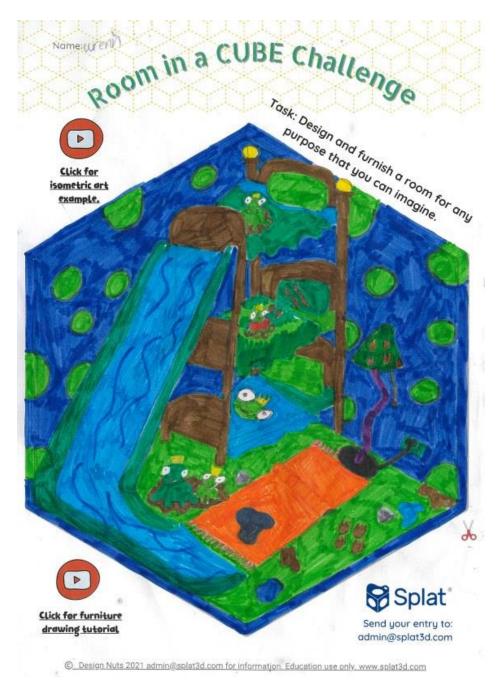
WOW Work

Each week we will share some of the amazing work that is happening in our classrooms.

3/4 created roms in a cube with Mrs Harris



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Kindergarten and Year 1







I love learning



3 - I love number sentences



4 - I love can do's and must do's



5 - I love sport



6 - I love spreading numbers apart



7 - I love counting by 10

Our Website Project

Dear Community,

The Year Six students are documenting Gundaroo Public Schools rich history and we would love your help. If you went to Gundaroo Public School or lived in the community and know any stories of significant events that shaped our history please contact us if you're willing to have an interview.

You can also send us written recounts or photos to help us tell the story of the past 156 years of our school.

We will be working over the next few months to create a website with all of the information to share with the community.

If you have any stories or questions please feel free to contact the address below:

gundaroo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindest regards,

Year Six 2021

Covid-19 Symptoms

We understand that having a child sent home with symptoms can be frustrating and create a challenge to juggle in your day. However, we as a school must adhere to NSW Health directions.

These state:

Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19.

Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or
- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available, and are symptom free

In circumstances where children or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

Symptoms include:

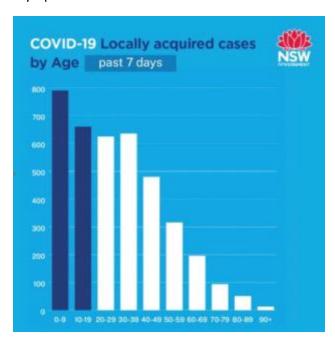
- fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher)
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- loss of taste
- loss of smell.

Other reported symptoms include:

- fatigue
- acute blocked nose (congestion)
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite.

Unexplained chest pain and conjunctivitis (eye infection) have also been reported as symptoms of COVID-19.

If your child has ANY of the above symptoms, please do not send them school. We must send students home if they display these symptoms.



Hats

The weather is warming up, could you please ensure your child brings a hat to school.

Hats are available for purchase for \$15.

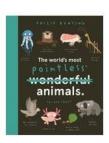
Library News



LIBRARY NEWS

While we have been in lockdown Mr Lee has begun the annual stocktake. Please assist him by returning any <u>overdue</u> books as soon as possible. Students are still able to borrow each week.

We have some great new books ready to be borrowed.













Save your bread tags



Junior Cricket is back this Summer

This summer the Gundaroo Goats Cricket Club will again be running the Blasters Cricket Program. The Blasters program is a social and safe cricket program for boys and girls aged 5 to 10. The sessions focus on developing fundamental skills with an emphasis on having fun. For the older kids the sessions will also incorporate a modified game of cricket.

What: Junior Blasters (5-7yrs) / Master Blaster (7-10yrs)

When: Friday's @ 5:30pm

Junior Blaster 5:30-6:30pm / Master Blasters 5:30-7:00pm

5 November 2021 – 25 February 2022 (with break for school holidays)

Where: The Gundaroo Oval – Cork St Gundaroo

Register: www.playcricket.com.au¹ search for Gundaroo

Cost: \$99- covered by the NSW Active Kids Voucher available at www.services.new.gov.au²

Questions: Contact Sean/Chris @ gundaroo.junior.cricket@gmail.com

¹http://www.playcricket.com.au/

²http://www.services.new.gov.au/

Term 4 Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
Week 1 October	4 Public Holiday	5	6	7	8	9/10
Week 2 October	11	12	13	14	15	16/17
Week 3 October	18	19	20	P&C Meeting 7pm	22	23/24
Week 4 October	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
Week 5 November	1	2	3	4	5	6/7
Week 6 November	8 Bike Week	9	10	11	12	13/14
Week 7 November	15	16	17	P&C Meeting 7pm	19	20/21
Week 8 November	22	23	24	25	26	27/28
Week 9 November/ December	29	30	Year 6 Farewell	2	3	4/5
Week 10 December	6	7	8	9	10	11/12
Week 11 December	13	14	15	16 Last day of Term 4	17	18/19

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Gundaroo Public School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, learn and play, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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