



## *From the Principal's desk...*

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Welcome back after what was hopefully a restful and relaxing break as well as one that was able to recharge the batteries for a busy term ahead!

This term, we welcome Ms Shelley Keenan who has come to us from the North Coast and will be working with all students in engaging them in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM). Ms Keenan will be working in the school Wednesday and Thursdays and every second Friday. There will be a 'welcome to Gwabegar' morning tea this Thursday for all parents, carers and community members to come and meet Shelley. Please join us from 11am.

### **Fundraising for farmers**

In an effort to support farmers who are struggling during the drought, the school will be having an out of uniform day on Wednesdays for this term (except for Book fair 22/8 and Public Speaking day 12/9). Students will be asked to donate \$2 if they come out of uniform on these days. It would be appreciated if all families could support this important cause.

### **Primary Indigenous games Goodooga**

All primary students will be involved in the Indigenous games at Goodooga next Wednesday to Friday. Students will be leaving the school at 9am on Wednesday and will return approximately 4pm on Friday. They will need to bring a packed recess and lunch for Wednesday and can money for buying food from the canteen and if they wish to buy some snacks along the way. Mrs McGlashan will be transporting all students in the school bus. More information about this will come home later this week.

### **NAIDOC sports day**

This Friday 3rd August, all students will be travelling to Baradine sports oval, a permission note has been sent home that needs to be returned by Thursday. The cost will be \$3 per student. Recess and Lunch will be provided, however students must bring their own water bottle. They may come dressed in comfortable clothes in Aboriginal colours and must be wearing joggers. Please ensure that all jumpers and track pants have your child's name written in them!

### **Return and Earn**

As a way of reducing the cost of the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion, all money that we receive back from the Return and Earn scheme will go towards subsidising the cost. It would be appreciated if cans/bottles are washed out prior to coming to school. Every 100 bottles/cans gives us \$10 back. Please support this fundraiser for our students. The more cans and bottles we get, the more money students excursion is reduced by!

### **Wood raffle**

Congratulations to Campbell Fester, who won the wood raffle that was run by the P&C. A big thank you to Rob Fester and Mick Campbell for donating the wood.

### **Sports Uniform**

This term, sports day will be held on Fridays. Please send students to school in their other uniform every other day.

### **School Photos**

Order forms for School Photos have been sent home this week. Orders and money must be back to school by Thursday 23rd August, orders will not be processed without correct change in the envelopes. The school will not be accepting money on the day of the photos. Photos will be taken on Friday 24th August from 12:30pm.

### **Book Fair**

Will be on Wednesday 22nd August. More details to come shortly, but start planning your character costume!

## Breakfast Club



Breakfast club is being well supported by all students of the school. Students should still be having breakfast at home before coming to school when possible. Breakfast is offered at school most days and all students are welcome to have breakfast when they come to school. Students need to be at school by 8:50 if they wish to have breakfast in time before school starts

## Canberra Excursion

Stage 3 students will be heading to Canberra in term 4 with students and teachers from Baradine Central School. Payments are now able to be made at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays when Mrs Wilkins is working in the office. Regular payment instalments are encouraged no matter how small the amount! The total cost to parents and carers will be \$410 per student. **If you have not paid your deposit, it is now overdue and may put your child's place on the excursion at risk!**

## Lunch

With the weather starting to cool off, students may bring in lunches that can be warmed up in the pie warmer. **Foods such as 2 minute noodles or packet foods will not be cooked at school.** Please have food wrapped in foil or provide an oven-proof container.

## Visitors to school



Please remember to sign in at the office any time you visit our school. This includes when coming in for the canteen and meetings during school hours. The book is kept on the bench in the school office.

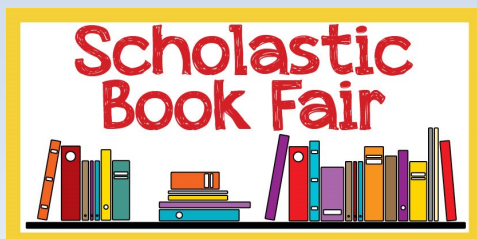
Your assistance will help Gwabegar Public School evaluate parental involvement.

## Playgroup and Preschool

Is held every Tuesday from 9:30am. All parents and children are welcome to attend. Remember to bring a hat, some fruit and water. If the children wish to ride the school bikes, they must have enclosed shoes on (not thongs) and a helmet.

*Katie*

Katie Sullivan  
Principal (Relieving)



Book Fair Wednesday 22/8

**School photos Friday 24/8**



I would like to introduce myself, Ms Shelley Keenan, as the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teacher at Gwabegar Public School. I have been a Science teacher for 11 years at Ballina, NSW and am thrilled to be here for the next 18 months.

I will be delivering exciting programs to our students to engage them in a variety of projects to build and enhance their scientific and technological skills and knowledge, with a focus on robotics and future focused learning.

The future direction of education towards new age learning and philosophies will see students become better prepared to deal with the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the global technological society. This, when combined with a growth mindset and an understanding of the processes that occur when learning happens, will see our students leave school with a love of learning, ready for any future endeavours.

Inspiring the next generation of citizens is a passion that has never waned throughout my years of teaching. To see students become a better version of themselves, that have pride in their ability and achievements and the desire to succeed, is the only reward I need as a teacher.

I'd love to hear your ideas of projects we could implement to improve either the school or the wider community, so please feel free to come and have a chat. I look forward to immersing myself in this role and thank those that have already made me feel part of this beautiful community.

I look forward to meeting many parents and carers on Thursday at morning tea at 11am.

Kind Regards  
Ms Shelley Keenan  
STEM Coordinator



## **P&C News**

### **TERM 3 CONTRIBUTIONS**

A reminder to families that this levy is now payable to the school for term 3 at a cost of \$20 per family per term.

### **Uniforms**

**Sports uniforms are only be worn on Fridays!**

**School tracksuits are now available to be purchased for \$50.**

**The Stage 3 Canberra Excursion can now be paid off in instalments at the office.**

**By paying \$80 a fortnight, will ensure that the excursion will be all but paid in full by the end of this term**

Supervision is provided for students from 8:30 am (30 minutes before school commences).

Staff are not required to be at school before 8.30 am and for their own safety, children should not be arriving at school any earlier.

**ALL visitors to the school, must sign in at the office!**

## ***For your diary!***

31st July: ICAS English test. Yrs 3-6

3rd August NAIDOC at Baradine

8-10th August: Indigenous games Goodooga CS. Yrs 3-6 involved.

16th August: Science day at BCS

Yrs 3-6

17th August: Gwabegar and Pilliga Science Day-11:30am-3pm.

22nd August: Book fair

24th August: School photos-Sports uniform

20th September: Primary Touch Football day-Narrabri

28th September: Last day of Term 3.

29th October-1st November Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion.

12th November: Wellbeing day-Gwabegar Hall

**Radio Show next Thursday 9th August. Infants students will be speaking!!**



## **School attendance**

**Regular attendance at school is important!**

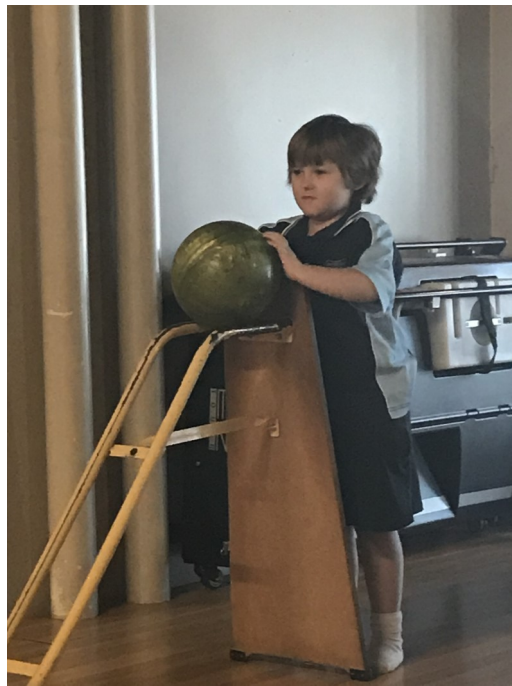
Being 10 minutes late to school everyday may not seem like much but it adds to up to losing over 1 hour of learning every week!

Which over a year is over 1 and half weeks and over 13 years of schooling is nearly half a term!

***Make sure you are on time all the time!***

If your child is absent from school for any reason, parents and carers **MUST** provide an explanation within 7 days. This can be provided in person, telephone, written note or email.

# 10 pin bowling with Mallawa Public School



## CANTEEN PRICE LIST

1<sup>st</sup> Term 2018

### Fridays, Hot Food

PIES (Large)--\$4.00

PIZZAS--\$3.00

LASAGNE--\$3.00

PIES—Chicken \$5.00

SAUSAGE ROLLS--\$2.00

CHICKEN STRIPS--\$1.30--CHICKEN WINGS--\$1.20

### Drinks

Milk-shakes--\$2.00 choc, strawberry or Caramel

Popper Milk--\$2.00 choc or strawberry

Juice Popper--\$2.00

### Ice-creams, yoghurts, Ice-blocks

Frozen Yoghurt on a stick--\$1.50

Ice Cream on a stick--\$2.00

Sooper Doopers—40c

### P&C Canteen Roster

6/8: Kevin Tracey

13/8: Colleen Dunn

You MUST sign in and out of the office on your rostered day.