Principal's Message

Swimming Carnival Success
Last Friday’s swimming carnival with Gunning Public School was a great success with everyone enjoying a wonderful day of good sportsmanship and camaraderie. We are very proud of the way all our students gave their best, participating with enthusiasm and displaying excellent behaviour throughout the day.

It was this team effort and support of each other that contributed to the positive atmosphere and exciting outcome of Dalton Public School taking out the trophy for winning school. There were some excellent individual results with Rory Walsh being named Senior Boy Champion, Brynn Matthews Runner-up 11 years Boy Champion and Ned Jones Runner-up Junior Boy Champion. Congratulations, Rory, Brynn and Ned and well done to all our students for your efforts. The following students have qualified and chosen to attend the District Swimming Carnival in Yass on Friday 20th February: Rory, Brynn, Kyle, Patrick, Joe, Tana and Ned. We would like to have the completed attached permission note returned to school ASAP.

We would like to thank our P&C who catered on the day and to all the families and friends who attended and supported the children.

Looking at our Local Environment
Next Friday’s visit from Mr Damon Oliver, the Team Leader for Ecosystems & Threatened Species at the Office of Environment and Heritage has been postponed as the District Swimming Carnival falls on this date. The revised date for his visit will be in a forthcoming newsletter.

Dental Clinic
The Dental Clinic will be visiting Dalton Public School on Monday morning, 23 February. This free annual check-up is available to all students with the clinic staff also delivering dental hygiene pointers to the children. Please complete the attached permission note and return to the school by Friday 20 February, if you would like your child to attend the clinic.
Bingo Bash
As a part of Seniors Week, Gunning Community Care are organising a bingo competition on Wednesday, 18 March and have invited local schools to participate. Feedback from last year’s participation was very positive with comments that this was an opportunity for students to be involved in local community events, further their social skills and consolidate number skills. We are looking forward to participating this year with further information and permission notes coming out in the next newsletter.

Getting to Know our Students
Thank you to our families for your support in helping us learn more about your children. Your attendance at yesterday’s parent/teacher chat was greatly valued as the additional insights into your child will assist us in our approach to their learning needs. The following barbeque was an enjoyable social time for families and teachers with a thank you to the parents who helped set everything up.

P&C
The P&C AGM and first meeting of the year followed on from the interviews and barbeque with the new executive being elected. I would like to thank the outgoing President Georgina Edgar for her support and efforts during 2014 - all of which have benefited our students and have been much appreciated.
We welcome the new executive for 2015 and look forward to working with the P&C in support our students this year.
President: Ricky Miller
Secretary: Tim Lester
Treasurer: Phil Jones

What’s On in the Classrooms
In Infants, Mrs Shaw has begun ‘Jolly Phonics’ with our new Kindergarten student who are already singing, signing and sounding their way to reading and writing. Jolly Phonics is a child-centred approach to assist in the teaching of literacy through phonics with a multi-sensory method that includes an action, song and storyline for each of the 42 letter sounds.
In Primary, students are studying visual texts where there is minimal or no written text. Studying visual text helps students’ understanding of how stories can be communicated using images, both still and moving. Through the study of these texts and animated short film they will explore how visual narratives are constructed. This will include interpretation of settings, events, characters and themes and allow students to learn the visual codes and conventions used by illustrators and filmmakers to communicate their stories and engage their audience.
This will integrate design and technology, visual arts, experimentation with digital tools and processes to compose their own multimodal texts and express their own unique interpretations of the narratives.
In HSIE and Science and Technology studies K-6 are undertaking a unit on Growth and Change with K-4 focusing on the local community while Year 5 and Year 6 are researching the Murray-Darling Basin.

Robyn Watson
Relieving Principal

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance
The Catholic Parish of St Francis Xavier, Gunning, invite children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for their First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please contact Maryanne Hannan on 4844 2247 to register your interest. Registration will be after mass on Sunday 15th February.

Old Engines
My brother is interested in old farm machinery to restore. Please contact Kerry at Dalton School if you have any machinery you are willing to part with.

Yass Football Club
Winter soccer season commences Saturday 2nd May for players born 1997-2010. To register go to www.myfootballclub.com.au by 22nd February. For further information contact Drew Gallagher on 0408 633143 or Jodie Gallagher on 0400 260172 or visit the website www.yassfc.com.au.

Goulburn & District Netball Association
2015 season netball registration is on Saturday 28th February and Saturday 7th March 11am – 2pm at Goulburn Plaza (near Kmart). Season starts Saturday 21st Enquiries gdna.secretary@hotmail.com or Lou 0434 550614.

Yass Show Junior Poetry Prize - Poets Breakfast 15th March
Budding Poets
Yass Show organisers have sent along details of a poetry competition open to students. A flyer is available in the Front Office for any students who may like to enter. Website: yassshow.org.au Email: robynsykespoet@gmail.com. To enter the Yass Show Junior Poetry Competition, please fill out the form. Entries close Monday February 23.