

GUM FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 9 - 25 March, 2024



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Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 9

As we head towards the Easter Long Weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter. I look forward to seeing all your children back at school on the Tuesday ready to tackle our final couple of weeks of term one.

Have a great week from Mrs. Coddington.



Happy Easter

A reminder that this weekend is Easter and we wish our school community a safe and happy break.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TERM 1
DOES NOT FINISH UNTIL FRIDAY
13TH APRIL.**



Classroom News

FOCUS ON YEAR 2

This week we feature
“Our Magic School” - by Charlie

Our Magic School by Charlie



Our magic school lies under the burning sun that lays in the blue sky. Our trees sometimes have bugs on them. Bugs of lots of colours. Sometimes, the light from the cheerful sun looks from behind the treacherous clouds.

The children play soccer and handball every day and, in the court, too. In the classroom, sometimes we have co-operative play, and the kids laugh like kookaburras.

At the end of the year, we have great Christmas concerts.

The light trickles from the leaves of the tallow-wood tree. At night it is quiet until a koala shouts out at the moon looking for a mate.

We love the koalas that live in the tree.

The bustling playground is filled with happiness and in the garden my friends and I make a shop. On Friday we do PE, we play dodge ball and in the sandpit we swing on the monkey bars. We love to run to the fake grass, and we play dogs on the fake grass.

On Monday we do Must Do, May Do and we do the Yellow Box.

My friend is called Ginger and I play with her. Imogen runs the shop with Ginger who started it. We love to play shops at different spots in the playground, and we love to crush cicada shells and leaves off a tree and we love to find everything we need to use for food for our shop.

My favourite tree is the tallow-wood tree. It holds the koalas that live in the tree and some koalas run on the pavers. Sometimes we have baby koalas that cling on the mum koala. The mum koala

protects the baby koala from predators and at night the koalas sound like frogs talking.

Later in the morning we come too, and we play in the garden and today I played with Ada and Ginger.

At the art room we make cool art with cool teachers called Mr Butler and Ms Kylie and we make art about Claude Monet. In summer we put the air con on, and the air is nice and fresh.

We have the best swim school, we love to swim in the pool, and we play at the end of the day, we do everything we want to do, but we still need to be good.

School News

AFL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 had a great day last Tuesday with the AFL Development Program. The program continues tomorrow, Tuesday 26th March, and our students are developing some new sporting skills.

Please wear your sports uniform tomorrow and the following two Tuesdays.



ANZAC DAY

Gum Flat Public School will be marching in the ANZAC Day Parade on Thursday, 25th April. Whilst this falls in the last week of the school holidays, we hope as many students as possible will be able to join us. More details will follow prior to holidays.



ANZAC DAY
LEST WE FORGET



Fundamental Movement Skills Activity: Balancing Act

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) are the building blocks of movement. Just like kids need to learn to read and write, they need to learn how to master FMS for a lifetime of enjoying being physically active.

Try the activity 'Balancing Act' to develop balance!

Students try balancing different objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance.

What you need:

Various balancing objects, such as feathers, shoes, caps, broom handles, balancing poles (made from rolled up newspaper and sticky tape), etc.

What to do:

- Students balance various objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance
- Students use different body parts to balance the objects, such as the palm or back of their hand, or their knee, foot, elbow or chin

Change it up:

- Students try walking or lying down and getting back up again while trying to balance the object
- Students 'jump' the balancing object from one body part to another i.e., one hand to another
- Compete with others and see who can hold a balance the longest



Source: Playing for life (www.sportaus.gov.au)



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Upcoming Events



EASTER DAY

We will be celebrating Easter by having a fun day this Thursday 28th March.

Feel free to wear bunny ears or Easter related shirt/socks etc.

Students will be making Easter baskets in class and have a fun Easter egg hunt.

At the end of the day the Easter Raffle will be drawn.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle, will be drawn this Thursday, 28th March at our Easter Fun Day. If you haven't already done so, please return tickets to the school office tomorrow, Tuesday 26th March.

VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA RALLY

The VCCA has chosen Gum Flat Public School to provide a luncheon for members of their rally group on Thursday 11th April. This will be a major fund raiser for our school and the P&C are in need of volunteers to assist with preparation and serving.

Please save the date and contact the P&C if you can offer assistance.



HARMONY DAY 2024

