

# GUM FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 10 - 23 September, 2024



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# Principal's Message

## Welcome to Week 10

We have nearly made it to the end of another busy term and once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for your support when transporting your children to events, keeping them home when unwell and attending to school administration tasks in a timely manner.

A big thank you to the P&C (Leeanne, Sharon and Louise) for another fantastic lunch and I look forward to seeing many of you at our Book Week Day parade and morning tea, this Thursday.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday with your families. See you in Term 4.

Mrs Coddington.



*Happy Birthday*

to Emily and Josh who turn 8 on Wednesday.  
We hope you both have a great day.



*Happy Birthday*



*Happy Birthday*



# Happy Birthday

to Henry who turns 8 on the 2nd October & Finn who will be 12 on the 10th October. We hope you both enjoy your special day.



## School News

### BOOK WEEK - PIRATE DAY

Book Week dress up will be held this Thursday, 26 September. We have made the theme this year, Pirate Day; however, if your child would prefer to dress up as another book character, that will also be great.

**Parents/carers are welcome to join us and enjoy the parade. Morning tea will follow, so we would appreciate it if you could please bring a plate to share.**



### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

This Friday, 27 September is the last day of Term 3. We hope you all have a safe and fun holiday.

**Term 4 will resume Monday 14 October for both students and staff. There is no Staff Development Day in Term 4.**

# Classroom News



This week we are featuring work by Henry.

## Should the boy step on the ant? by Henry

I think the boy should not step on the ant!

I think ants are very important to help different species of animals. Ants can lift ten times their size. Our plants would not go well. Ants have lives like people so don't step on the ant! Would you like to be stepped on? No! So don't step on the ants. If you do not like the ant, just leave them alone, they do a lot for the people so don't kill the ant. Ants are very important for the environment. They kill pests that destroy the crops. If we didn't have ants a lot of dead animals would be laying in the paddock and it would be very, very smelly.

Ants bring seeds into the ants home and they germinate. When the seed grow into a plant it will make more wildlife for the environment to survive.

If seed didn't germinate there would be no air and no animals would survive.

The ant makes the soil rich, its made from the ants' home. If ants didn't make the rich soil we would have no good soil for the plants and for the paddocks and the gardens.

Ants make a bridge out their own kind. The ants do a lot for the environment. There is different types of ants. Some do different good for the paddocks and environment. Termites crush the logs that fall on the ground.

Some ants are bad because the fire ants can kill a cow and if you see a fire ant nest immediately kill it. The ants clean the environment, so the animals do not get sick. The ants decompose the dead animals otherwise their meat would be everywhere.

You wouldn't like to be stepped on, so don't step on the ant. Ants do a lot for people because they are essential for the environment. The ants are very, very, very, very! important.



# Photos - Healthy Harold





# Photos - P&C Pirate Lunch

A big thank you to the P&C ladies for serving up a beautiful lunch fit for a pirate.



Our students were very excited when the P&C presented them with a donation of some great new sandpit toys.



## Quick everyday lunchboxes

It doesn't take a lot of time to pack an everyday lunchbox.

To save time, try:

- Packing the lunchbox the night before
- Using leftovers from dinner in the lunchbox
- Packing whole vegetables and fruit, such as apples, bananas, cherry tomatoes or baby cucumbers



For more time saving tips visit: [www.swapit.net.au/savetime](http://www.swapit.net.au/savetime)