

GUM FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 3 - 28 October, 2024



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Happy Birthday

to Charlie who turns 8 on Sunday.

Have a great day Charlie.



Happy Birthday

Term 4	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3		Kinder Transition	Far Out Science Armidale Yrs 5&6 Clay Day K/1/2	Clay Day Yrs 3/4/5/6	DEL Visit
Week 4		Musica Viva Delungra		Small Schools Gala Day	K/1/2 Cooking
Week 5	Remembrance Day	Kinder Transition	Beach to Bush	Full Day High School Transition Principal Network Day	Back up day - Small Schools Gala Day Principal Network Day
Week 6	Swim School	Swim School	Swim School	Swim School	Swim School
Week 7		Kinder Transition			
Week 8		Pet Education K/1/2			PPC Meeting
Week 9					
Week 10			Last Day of School 2024		

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 3

As expected, the term is going very quickly and there are a lot of extra-curricular activities happening over the next few weeks.

I thank you in advance for being vigilant in returning your student's permission notes via the School Bytes app and for your continued support in transporting your children to various events, when required.

If you require any assistance with using the School Bytes app, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Have a great week.

From Mrs. Coddington.



Permission Notes

A reminder that permission notes are now conveniently posted on the School Bytes Parent Portal.

Currently the Musica Viva and the Sapphire Small Schools Gala Day notes are there to be completed. These are both due back by this Thursday 31 October.

Payment can also be made via the portal for your convenience.

Help Needed

We will be decorating the hall for our end of year concert with a specific theme in mind. If you happen to have a small boat or blow up dinghy that we could use for that purpose, could you please contact the school to let us know.



School News

Far Out Science

Students in Years 5&6 will travel to Armidale with Inverell Public and Gilgai Public Schools to participate in the Far Out Science program this Wednesday, 30 October. Mrs Coddington will be accompanying the students.

PLEASE BE AT THE INVERELL PUBLIC BUS BAY IN ARTHUR STREET BY 7.20AM. STUDENTS WILL RETURN BY APPROX 4.30PM.

Kindergarten 2025 Transition

We look forward to our 2025 Kindergarten students joining us for their first transition day tomorrow, Tuesday 29 October. The subsequent sessions will be on Tuesday 12 November and Tuesday 26 November.

Clay Day

Mrs Walburn will be visiting Gum Flat Public this week for our annual Clay Day. Our K/1/2 students will work with her on Wednesday, and Years 3/4/5/6 on Thursday. We look forward to seeing your amazing creations.

PLEASE WEAR PLAIN CLOTHES ON CLAY DAYS.

Musica Viva

All students will travel to Delungra Public School next Tuesday 5 November to enjoy the Musica Viva performance, "Music in My Suitcase". The bus will leave at 9.30am and return at 12.30pm. Students will need to pack their morning tea and lunch.

Please return your permission note and \$5 for the bus by this Thursday 31 October.

Swim School

Swim School will be held in Week 6, 18 - 22 November. More details will follow as the time draws closer.

Small Schools Gala Day

We will be joining with Gilgai, Delungra, Tingha and Bonshaw Public Schools for our annual Small Schools Gala Day on Thursday 7 November. Students will participate in Rugby Union, Netball, Basketball and Hockey.

Please return your permission note by this Thursday, 31 October.

PRIVATE TRANSPORT WILL BE REQUIRED ON THIS DAY. STUDENTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SPORTING COMPLEX FROM 9AM AND PICKED UP FROM 2PM.

Classroom News

This week we would like to share some great work by Ginger Miller.

Ruben's Chance for Happiness 😊

Ruben and Koji were people that wanted one thing. Happiness! They lived in a sad city. Every day they searched up, down, right and left in the flowing shadows. The happiness was concealed there.

Eventually, Ruben made a raft out of bits and bobs, he bended and knotted, twisted and turned the bits and bobs until he had a raft. They hopped on with a pocketknife, apple, a jug of water, and a pillow and hope. Some days the sea was bold, some days it was gentle. Finally, they arrived at a point of land. "This doesn't look like happiness," mumbled Koji. "We need a map."

"I wish we had a map," said Ruben. Suddenly a portal appeared and left behind a map. "Ruben," said Koji, "you said the magic word, come on and find a safe spot to read the map". The map smelt of fear and darkness. In the background she knew it would be dangerous.

"We need the key," said Koji.

"To what?" said Ruben.

"We'll have to find out, by listening to the map. Let's go." said Koji.

"Wait! It says something. It says we need a rope." said Ruben.

"Why a rope?" said Koji

"I don't know. I guess we need to go and get some" said Ruben "First stop to get the key is the Forest of Doom."

They had to hop on the top of a train before it started going.

Long after travelling... "This place it looks different. Actually, colourful. Not like doom!" exclaimed Koji. I guess this is going to be easy. Lets go." After 5 minutes it did not look easy because there was a river. A river where there were dark shadows. Down there, there were mysterious ripples. "We're going to have to swim." whispered Koji. As they swam out further diamond drops of water appeared in their hair.

Toothy grins were on their salty, freckled faces. They took screen shots of the melting sunset in their minds to save to where ever they may end up at.

"Oh no!" The robots are here, are they a part of this?" said Koji. 50 robots were fighting Ruben and Koji. Later they ended up at an enormous forest tree that had fallen down. "We can't go around, under or over." What were they going to do? "Look the sweepers." yelled Koji.

"Let's ask them if they can move the tree" said Ruben.

They moved the tree. "Thank you, come on."

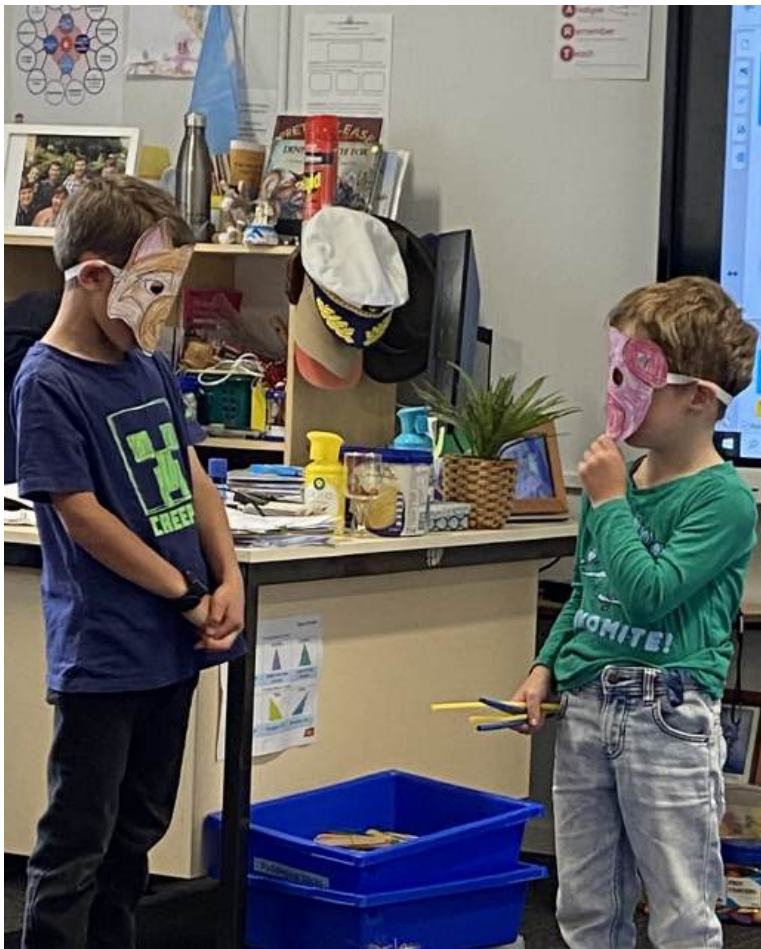
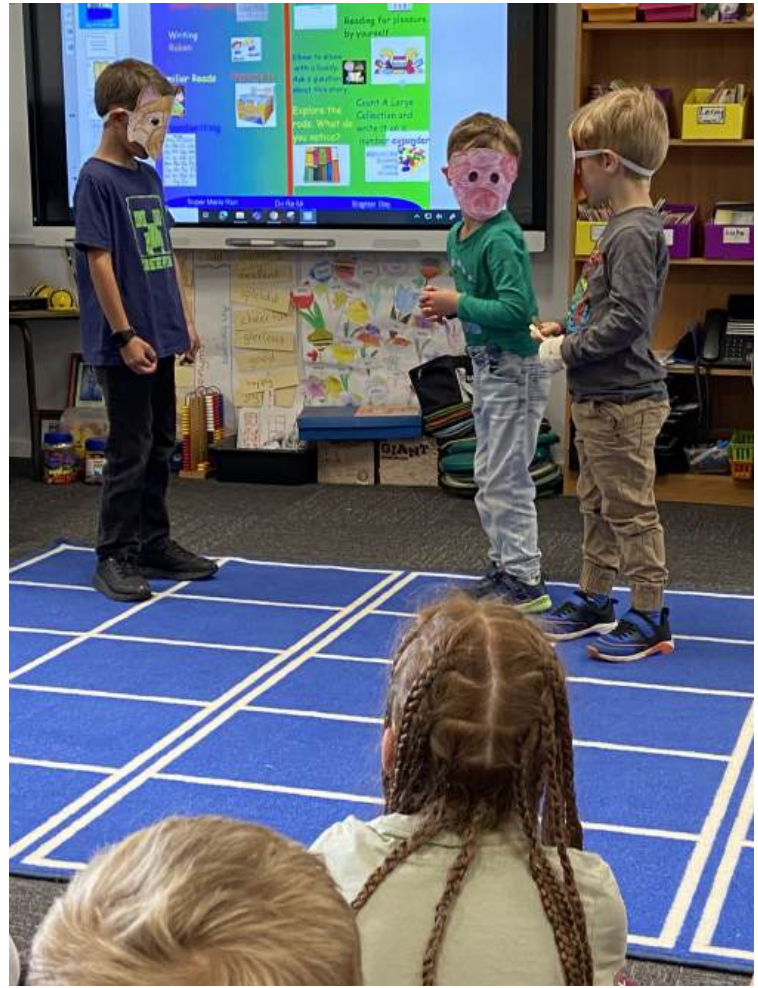
After that they finally made it to a little house. But, all that was there was an old lady. "Are you looking for the treasure?" she asked. The old lady only gave them 4 figs. "These figs are not just normal." she said. "2 of them can predict the future and make your dreams come true." So the next day they ate the one that made dreams come true. As they promised each other that they would dream of getting to the tree the next day, they woke up at the tree. It was concealed with 4 brick walls, so finally they made the wish of freedom.

The place was generous and beautiful and happy. From that day on they lived happily every day. They ate coconuts. After they went down the pathway, up the steps, and into their home.

Finally they had a home to call their own.

Photos

Last term we were treated to a play, *The Three Little Pigs*, by Indi, Myles, Rory, Jarli and Emily..



Bus Safety



Safety Rules when Travelling on a School Bus

What Must I do when travelling on a School Bus.

- **I must wear a seatbelt.**

Refusal to wear a seat belt may result in the student being refused Travel. Seatbelts are a legal requirement and must be worn.

- **I must Stay seated.**

I must stay seated and wear my seat belt and only get up when I am approaching my stop.

- **I must listen and follow the Bus Drivers directions.**

If a student continues to not listen to the Bus Driver and act in a disruptive manner the Bus Driver will put you on report which may result in the student being refused Travel.

- **I must Show the Bus Driver my Bus Pass each time I Travel on the Bus or when requested and I will have it ready to show the Bus Driver before getting on the bus.**

You **MUST** be deemed eligible to Travel from Home to School and School to home. If you are not eligible or refuse to apply for free Travel, you must pay a Fare or purchase a Term Pass.

- **I must NOT Swear, Yell, Scream, Name call or Argue whilst on the Bus.**

Bad language, Bullying and Disruptive behaviour may result in the student being refused Travel.

- **I must NOT ever Hit, Push or Spit whilst on the Bus.**

Violence is not tolerated and will result in the student being refused Travel.

- **Do NOT tamper with or interfere with Equipment fitted to the Bus.**

Any Tampering with equipment fitted to buses will Not Be Tolerated and may result in student being refused Travel.



Note: All Misconduct Reports are investigated by Cavanagh Bus & Coach Managers and Contact made to Parents/Caregivers and Schools regarding the outcome of the investigation.

How To Apply for a Bus Pass, visit

<http://www.cavanaghbus.com.au>

Click on the **Bus Pass** Tab at the top of the page,

Select **School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) website link** or **Contact our Office**

All applications cannot be done on a mobile phone and must be done on a computer / Laptop.

For Further Information regarding **Pick Up** and **Drop Off** locations

please contact our Friendly Staff on 0267 223 598

REMEMBER: CAVANAGH BUS & COACH BUSES ARE FITTED WITH CCTV CAMERAS, WHEN A COMPLAINT IS MADE BY A DRIVER, PARENT OF A STUDENT OR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, THE FOOTAGE WILL BE REVIEWED TO CONFIRM THE COMPLAINT, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MANAGER.



[Transport NSW Code of Conduct: <https://transportnsw.info> › student-code-conduct

Top Nutrition = Top Marks

Welcome to SWAP IT!

SWAP IT supports you to make informed choices about your child's health and wellbeing. Good nutrition leads to greater wellbeing for your child and can even have a positive impact on how well they do in class.

One swap from a sometimes food to an everyday food can make a big difference.

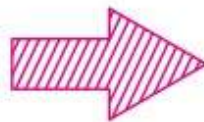
Here are some great ideas you can swap today:

- Cake to scone.
- Chips to popcorn.
- Juice to plain milk.

**SWAP
FROM**



Chocolate cake



**SWAP
TO**



Fruit scone

You will receive weekly tips and ideas about healthy swaps you can make!

For more tips on making a swap visit: www.swapit.net.au/swaps